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Ravelings





A Boy Awakens

There came to me at school one day,
A dream so passing strange;
I saw myself a married man,
For others' needs arrange.

My body bent by trying toil,
By time my hair grown thin.
Awearied by my constant care,
The daily bread to win.

So many things perplexed me sore,
So much to understand.
For me the present held no store,
The future nothing grand.

Then teacher spoke, a question asked;
I knew the answer well.
A flood of deep and sweet content,
On mind and body fell.

This is my time of times, to learn
The world's mysterious ways;
For now, indeed, I realize
These are my "Heavenly Days."

—Lowell J. Smith.

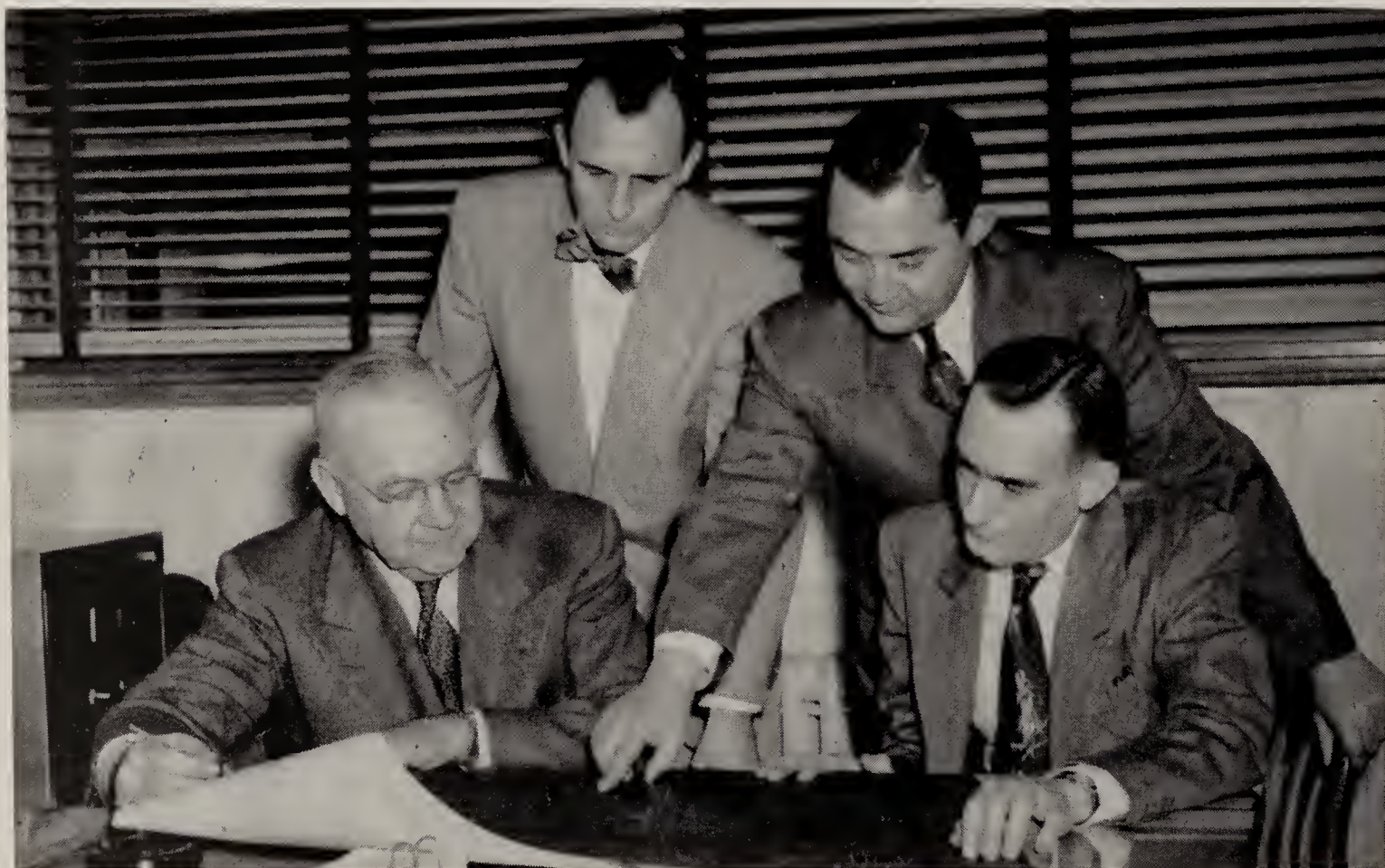
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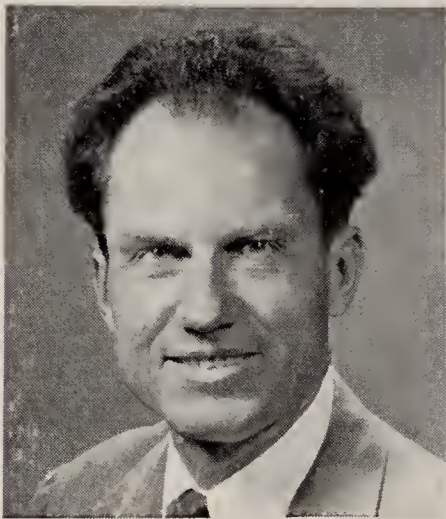




Faculty



Merritt J. Alger



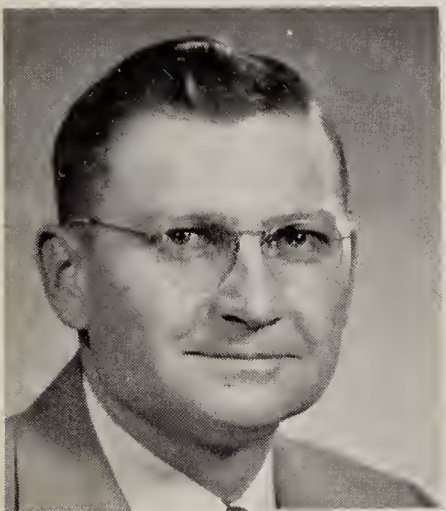
Fred Boller



Harry Dailey



Deane T. Dorwin



William Journey



Kathryn Kauffman



Amos Ketchum



Eleanor Pumphrey



Charlotte Vera



Rebecca Walters



Sylvester Everhart



Helen Haubold



Maynard Hetrick



Robert Herman



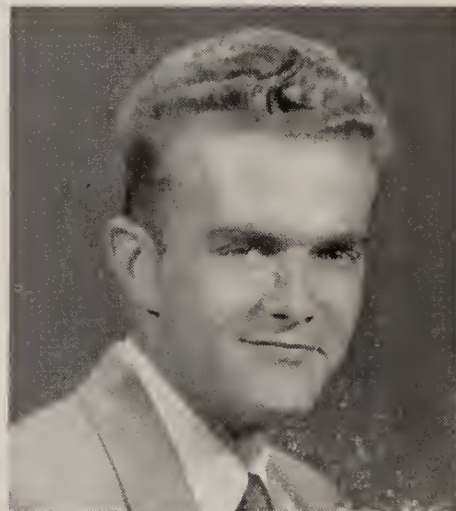
Clint Reed



Lowell J. Smith



Ormajene Steller



Von Stoffer



Catherine Weidler



Robert Worthman

Seventh

Eighth

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Classes





Seniors



Baumgartner, Carol Ann

Commercial Club, 52,53; Vice President Commercial Club, 53; Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Color Wheel, 53; Majorette, 50,51,52; Drum Majorette, 53; Choir, 53; Operetta, 53; Christmas Program, 53; Gabfest Staff, 53; Orchestra, 52; Drum Corps, 50,51,52,53.

Black, Robert Burdett

Baseball, 52; Christmas play, 52; Intramural Basketball 50,51,52,53; Howling Hosts 50,51,52, 53; Art Club 52,53.

Elack, Ronald Richard

Commercial Club, 51,52; Art Club, 51,52,53; Baseball, 53; Intramural Basketball 50,51,52,53; Gab Fest Staff, 53; Color Wheel 51,52,53.

Bowman, Barbara June

Freshman-Sophomore Chorus, 50; Choir, 52,53; Christmas Program, 52,53; Operetta, 52,53; Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Ravelings Staff, 53; Gabfest Staff, 53; (Co-Editor) Commercial Club 50,51,52,53; Girls Intramurals, 52.

Brekaw, Robert William

Football, 50,51,53; Basketball, 50,51,52,53; Howling Hosts, 50,51,52,53; Art Club, 53; Commercial Club 51; D-Club, 53; Secretary, Howling Host, 53; Operetta 53; Christmas Program 53; Track, 51.

Brunner, Betty Joan

Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Commercial Club, 52, 53; Operetta, 52,53; Choir, 52,53; Freshman-Sophomore Chorus, 50,51; F. H. A., 50,51,52,53; Christmas Program, 52,53; Gabfest Staff, 53.

Brunner, Noma

Pep Champs, 50,51,52; Commercial Club, 52,53; Color Wheel, 53; Home Economics Club, 50,51; Chorus, 52,53.

Cole, Allan Robert

Cross Country, 51,52,53; Football, 50; Basketball, 50; Track, 50,51,52,53; Student Council, 53; Howling Hosts, 50,51,52,53; Intramural Basketball, 50,51,52,53; Christmas Program 52,53; Operetta, 53; Assistant Business Manager of Ravelings, 51,52; Business Manager, Ravelings, 53; Scholastic Letter, 52.

Cole, Barbara Ann

Band, 51,52; Commercial Club, 50,51,52,53; Choir, 52,53; Christmas Program, 52,53; Operetta, 52,53; Orchestra, 52; Girls Athletics, 50, 51,52,53; Captain of Girls Basketball team, 53; Gabfest Staff, 52,53.

Conrad, Paul Jr.

Football, 50,51,52,53; Basketball, 50,51,52,53; Baseball, 50,51,52,53; Freshman - Sophomore Chorus, 51; D-Club, 52,53; Howling Hosts 50,51, 52,53; Operetta, 53; Art Club, 53; Commercial Club, 52; Christmas Program, 53.



Corey, Cletus Addison

Track, 52-53; Cross-Country, 53; Choir, 53; Howling Hosts 50,51,52,53; Color Wheel, 53; Sec.-Treas., Color Wheel, 53; "D" Club, 53; Operetta, 53; Christmas Program, 52; Intramurals, 53.

Cowans, Jerry Lee

Intramurals 50,51,52; Art Club 52,53; Track, 50; Howling Hosts 50,51,52,53; Basketball, 50; Commercial Club, 52,53; Christmas Program 52,53; Operetta, 53; Freshman-Sophomore Chorus, 50, 51.

Davidson, Gladys Luanne

Band, 51,52,53; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus, 50,51; Choir, 52-53; Christmas Program, 52,53; Operetta, 52,53; Orchestra, 52,53; Commercial Club, 52,53; Secretary, Commercial Club, 53; Girls Athletics, 50,51,52,53; Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Ravelings Staff, 53; Gabfest Staff, 53; Co-Editor, Inkspots, 53; Scholastic Letter, 50,52.

Ditto, Joseph Carol

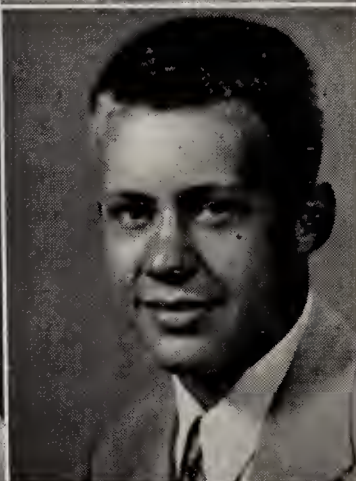
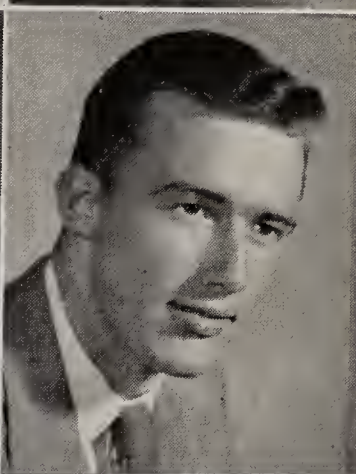
Elkhart, 50; Pomona, 51,52; Operetta, 53; Christmas Program, 53; Commercial Club, 53; Howling Hosts, 53; Vice-Pres., Howling Hosts, 53; Football, 53; Basketball, 53; Track, 53; "D" Club, 53.

Draper, Genevieve

Color Wheel, 52,53; Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Home Ec. Club, 50,51,52,53.

Duff, Richard Duane

Baseball, 50,51,52,53; Cross Country, 53; Basketball, 50,51,52,53; Football, 50,52; Howling Hosts, 50,51,52,53; Choir, 53; Vice-Pres., Class, 52; Color Wheel, 53; Commercial Club, 52; "D" Club, 52,53; Christmas Program, 53; Operetta, 53.

**Elliott, Beverly Jean**

Fresh.-Soph. Chorus, 50,51; F.H.A., 50,51,52,53; Sec., F.H.A., 51; Vice-Pres., F.H.A., 52; Historian, F.H.A., 53; Choir, 52,53; Operetta, 52,53; Christmas Program, 52,53; Pep-Champs, 50,51, 52,53; Commercial Club, 52,53; Asst. Snapshot Editor of Ravelings, 52; Snapshot Editor of Ravelings, 53; Gabfest Staff, 51-53; Canteen, 50,51,52,53; Scholastic Letter, 50,51,52,53.

Elzey, Carol Jane

Band, 50,51,52; Asst. Director of Band, 52; Cheerleader, 53; Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Sec., Soph. Class, 51; Color Wheel, 52; Commercial Club, 52,53; Choir (Accomp.) 51,52,53; Girls Athletics, 51,52,53; Christmas Program, 51,52,53; Operetta 51,52,53; Orchestra, 52; Speech Activ., 53; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus, 50; Drum Corps, 50,51; Co-Editor of Inkspots, 53; Gabfest, 52,53.

Ensminger, Zeldia Mae

Rockford, 50,51; Chorus, 52,53; Operetta, 52,53; Pep Champs, 52,53; Vice-Pres., Pep Champs, 52; Commercial Club, 52; Band, 52,53; Orchestra, 52-53; Student Council, 52; Christmas Program, 52,53.

Fisher, Shirley Ann

Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Commercial Club, 52; Art Club, 52; Choir, 52,53; Christmas Program, 52,53; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus, 51; F.H.A., 50; Operetta, 52,53; Speech Activ., 53; Inkspots Art Committee, 53.



Fuelling, Shirley Mae

Band, 50,51,52; Orchestra, 52; Choir, 52,53; Cheerleader, 53; Treas. of Pep Champs, 50; Com. Club, 52,53; Girls Athletics, 50,51,52,53; Operetta, 52,53; Christmas Program, 52,53; Color Wheel Club, 52; Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Sec.-Treas., Band, 51; Drum Corps, 50,51; Pres., Student Council, 53; Vice-Pres., Choir, 53; Pres., Pep Champs, 53; Gabfest Staff, 52,53; Speech Activities, 53; Local Rotary Contest (second).

Jaberg, Marilyn Virginia

Band, 50,51,52; Choir, 52,53; Sec., Choir, 53; Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Sec., Pep Champs, 51; Gabfest Staff, 53; Operetta, 52,53; Asst. Editor, Ravelings, 52; Editor, Ravelings, 53; Speech Activities, 53; Com. Club, 52, 53; Girls Athletics, 50,51,52; Christmas Program, 52,53; Cheerleader, 53; Orchestra, 52; Scholastic Letter, 51; Drum Corps, 50,51.

Kalver, Carol Fay

Ravelings Staff, 52,53; Fresh.-Soph., Chorus, 50; Choir, 52,53; Christmas Program, 52,53; Operetta 52,53; Winner, Local Rotary Contest, 53; Cheerleader, 51; Co-chairman, Community Center Drive, 53; Orchestra, 52,53; Gabfest Staff, 52,53; Girls Athletics, 51; Comm. Club, 52,53; Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Speech Activities, 53.

Kimble, Sharon Kay

Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Fresh-Soph. Chorus, 50; Choir, 52,53; Christmas Program, 52,53; Operetta 52,53; Gabfest Staff 50,52,53; Scholastic letter 50,51,53; Speech Activities 53; Comm. Club 52; Color Wheel Club, 52; Ravelings Staff, 52,53.

Kiser, Robert Franklin

Com. Club, 51,52,53; Football, 50,52,53; Christmas Program, 53; Choir, 52,53; Howling Hosts, 51,52,53; Operetta, 53; Track, 50,53; "D" Club, 53; Baseball, 52; Junior Rotarian, 52.

Knittle, Lisle Gregg

Football 50,51,52,53; Baseball 50,51,52,53; Howling Hosts, 51,51,52,53; F.F.A., 51,52,53; Sentinel, F.F.A., 50; "D" Club, 52,53; Color Wheel, 53; Reporter, F.F.A., 51.

Kohne, Ferris David

Cross Country, 50; Football, 51,52,53; Basketball, 50,51,52,53; Track, 50,51,52,53; Howling Hosts, 50,51,52,53; Com. Club, 52; Art Club, 53; Christmas Program, 53; Stage Mgr., 52; "D" Club, 52,53; Class Treas., 53; "D" Club Pres., 53; All-state Football Team, 53; Basketball Captain, 53; Junior Rotarian, 53.

Koons, Kent D.

Cross Country, 50,51,52,53; Basketball, 50,51, 52,53; Track, 50,51,52,53; Class Vice-Pres., 51; Howling Hosts, 50,51,52,53; "D" Club, 52,53; Gabfest Staff, 50,51,52; Operetta, 53; Christmas Program, 52,53.

Kruse, Joan Marie

Comm. Club, 52,53; Comm. Club Treas., 53; Ravelings Staff, 53; Operetta, 52,53; Choir, 52, 53; Christmas Program, 52,53; F.H.A., 51,52; Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Gabfest Staff, 53; Ink Spots, 53.

Lankenau, Gaynel Irene

Gabfest Staff, 52; Band, 50,51,52,53; Orchestra, 52,53; Comm. Club, 52; Color Wheel Club, 52,53; Choir, 52, 53; Operetta 52,53; Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Girls Athletics, 50,51,52,53; Christmas Program, 52,53; Ink Spots, 53; Drum Corps, 51.



Lawson, Jack Wayne

Football, 50,51,52,53; Track, 50,51,52,53; Intramural Basketball, 50,51; Golf Tournament, 51; "D" Club, 52,53; Commercial Club, 53; Howling Hosts 50,51,52,53; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus, 50-51; Gabfest Staff, 52; Choir, 52, 53; Christmas Program, 52-53; Operetta 52-53; Science Club, 53; Band 50,51,52; Orchestra, 52; Quartet, 51,52,53.

Lehman, Sharlene Ann

Band, 50,51,52,53; Band Director, 52,53; Orchestra, 52,53; Drum Corps, 50,51; Choir, 52,53; Operetta, 52,53; Christmas Program, 52,53; Girls Athletics, 50,51,52; Color Wheel, 52; Commercial Club, 52; Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Student Council 52; Sec., Class, 52; Speech Activities, 53; Legion Oratorical Winner, School, County, District, and Zone (Second); Gabfest Staff, 50,51; Inkspots Staff, 53.

Lehrman, Henry

President, Senior Class, 53; Baseball, 51,52,53; Howling Hosts, 50,51,52,53; F.F.A., 50,51,52,53; Agriculture Judging Team, 50,51,52,53; Cross Country, 51,52; "D" Club, 53; Christmas Program, 53; Student Council, 53; Intramural Basketball, 52,53; Art Club, 53.

Lehrman, Walter John

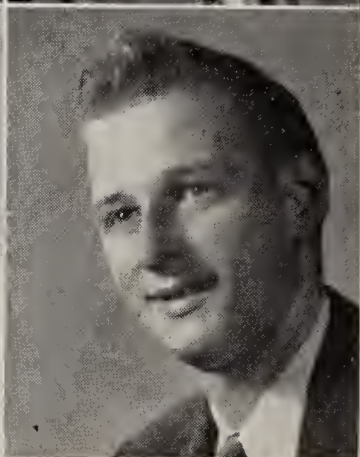
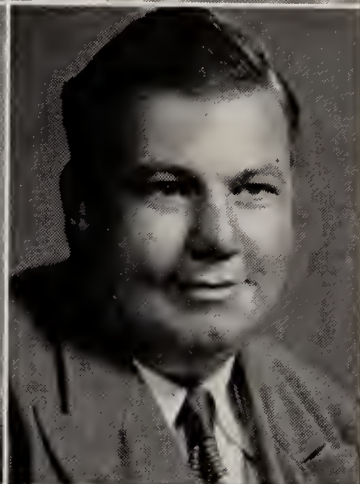
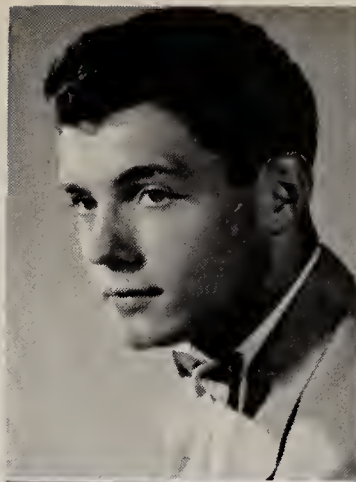
F.F.A., 50,51,52,53; F.F.A., Sentinel, 50,51; F.F.A. President, 52,53; Howling Hosts, 50,51,52,53; Commercial Club, 52,53.

Lobsiger, Robert Darrell

Football, 50,51,52,53; Basketball Student Manager, 52; Track, 50,51,52,53; Howling Hosts, 50,51,52,53; "D" Club, 53; Commercial Club, 52; Choir, 53; Operetta, 53; Christmas Program, 53; Intramural Basketball, 50,51; Science Club, 53.

McDonald, Roger

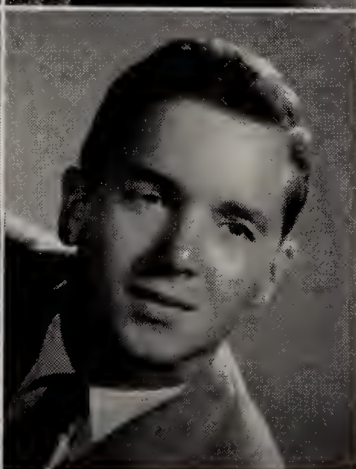
Color Wheel, 52,53; Intramural Basketball, 51,52,53; Track, 50,51; Howling Hosts, 50,51,52,53; Choir, 53; Operetta, 53; Commercial Club, 52.

**McKean, Ann**

Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Choir, 53; Girls Intramurals, 50,51,52,53; Art Club, 51,52,53.

Morrison, Eugene Johnson

Football, 50,51,52,53; Basketball, 51,52,53; Basketball Capt., 53; Baseball, 50; Track, 51,52,53; "D" Club, 52,53; Howling Hosts, 50,51,52,53; Choir, 52,53; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus, 50,51; Operetta, 52,53; Christmas Program, 52,53; Quartet, 51,52,53; Color Wheel, 52,53.

**Murphy, Edward Ronald**

Band, 50,51,52,53; Orchestra, 52,53; Howling Hosts, 50,51,52,53; Baseball, 50,51,52; Football, 50,51; Football Student Manager, 52; Intramural Basketball, 50,51,52,53; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus, 50,51; Choir, 52,53; Operetta, 52,53; Commercial Club, 52; Drum Corps, 50,51; Sergeant at Arms, Band, 51; Track, 53; Cross Country, 53; Christmas Program, 52,53.

Murtaugh, James

Decatur Catholic High School, 50; Howling Hosts, 51,52,53; Commercial Club, 52,53; Color Wheel, 52,53; Operetta, 52,53; Choir, 53; Christmas Program, 52,53.



Plumley, Russell La Von

Basketball, 50,51,52; Baseball, 51,52,53; Intramural Basketball, 50,51,52,53; Cross Country, 51,52; Howling Hosts, 50,51,52,53; "D" Club, 52,53; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus, 51; F.F.A., 50,51,52, 53; President, F.F.A., 52; Treasurer, F.F.A., 53; Operetta, 53; Christmas Program, 52; Secretary, Class, 53; Ravelings Staff, 53.

Reinking, Donald Carl

Baseball, 50,51,52,53; Cross Country, 50, 51,52,53; Student Manager, Football, 52,53; Student Manager, Basketball, 52,53; Howling Hosts, 50,51,52,53; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus, 50; Choir, 53; Vice-Pres., "D" Club, 53; "D" Club, 52,53; Commercial Club, 52; Color Wheel, 53; Operetta, 53; Christmas Play, 52,53; Captain of Cross Country, 52; Intramurals, 50,51,52,53.

Rennels, James Merle

Pleasant Mills High School, 50; Howling Hosts, 51,52,53; Intramurals 51,52,53; Commercial Club, 52,53; Christmas Play, 53; Operetta, 53; Choir, 53; "D" Club, 53; Baseball Student Manager, 52; Art Club, 53.

Robinson, Marilyn Janell

Commercial Club, 52; Color Wheel Club, 52,53; Choir, 52,53; Operetta, 52,53; Pep Champs, 50, 51,52,53; Girls Athletics 50,51,52; Christmas Program, 52,53; Cheerleader, 51; Treasurer, Class, 51.

Roop, Donald DeWayne

Vice-Pres., Class, 53; Sec.-Treas., "D" Club, 53; Pres., Howling Hosts, 53; Howling Hosts, 50,51, 52,53; Student Mgr. Basketball, 50,51,52,53; Football, 50,51,52,53; Color Wheel Club, 53; Commercial Club, 52; Choir, 53; Operetta, 53; Stage Mgr., Christmas Program, 52; Christmas Program, 53.

Secaur, Ronald Eugene

Football, 50; Cross Country, 51,52,53; Track, 50,51,52,53; Basketball, 53; Intramurals, 50,51, 52; Choir, 52,53; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus, 50,51; Class Pres., 52; Howling Hosts, 50,51,52,53; Student Council, 52; Band, 50,51,52; Orchestra, 52; Gabfest, 52; Christmas Play, 52; "D" Club, 52, 53; Captain Cross Country, 53; Operetta, 52,53; Junior Rotarian, 53.

Strahm, Lois Belle

Fresh.-Soph. Chorus, 50; Choir, 52,53; Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Commercial Club, 52,53; Commercial Club Pres., 53; Christmas Program, 52,53; Operetta, 52,53; Girls Athletics, 50,51,52, 53; Gabfest Editor, 53; F.H.A., 52,53.

Strickler, Carolyn Sue

Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Commercial Club, 52, 53; Choir, 52,53; Operetta, 52,53; Christmas Program, 52,53; Scholastic Letter, 52; Gabfest, 53; Ravelings Staff, 53; Speech Activities, 53.

Striker, Karen Stewart

Chorus, 50,51,52,53; Operetta, 52,53; Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Cheerleader, 51,53; Commercial Club, 52, 53; Orchestra, 52, 53; Girls Athletics, 50,51,52,53; Ravelings Staff, 53; Gabfest Staff, 53; Christmas Program, 52,53.

Stuckey, Sunya Gay

Fresh.-Soph. Chorus, 50,51; Commercial Club, 52,53; Cheerleader, 51; Choir, 52,53; Operetta, 52,53; Christmas Play, 52,53; Girls Athletics, 50,51,52,53; Gabfest Staff, 52,53; Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Orchestra, 52.



Sudduth, Shirley Joan

Freshman-Sophomore Chorus, 50,51; Choir, 52, 53; Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Commercial Club, 52,53; Operetta, 52,53; Christmas Play, 52,53; Ravelings Staff, 53; Gabfest Staff, 53; Girls Intramurals, 51,52.

Thomas, Daniel Charles

Football, 50,51,52,53; Track, 50,53; Track Manager, 51,52; Intramural Basketball, 50,51,52,53; Golf Tournament, 51,52; Cheerleader, 52; Band, 50,51,52; Orchestra, 51,52; Gabfest, 50,53; President, Class, 50; Vice-President, Band, 51; Vice-President, "D" Club, 52; "D" Club, 52,53; Howling Hosts, 50,51,52,53; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus, 50, 51; Choir, 52,53; Quartet, 51,52,53; Operetta, 52,53; Science Club, 53; Christmas Play, 52,53.

Trecn, Patricia Lou

Band, 50,51,52; Orchestra, 52; Commercial Club, 53; Color Wheel, 52,53; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus, 51; Choir, 52,53; Operetta, 52,53; Pep Champs, 50,51, 52,53; Girls Athletics, 50,51,52,53; Scholastic Letter, 50,51; Christmas Play, 52,53; Poster Contest, 53; Speech Activities, 53.

Vetter, Eugene Roy

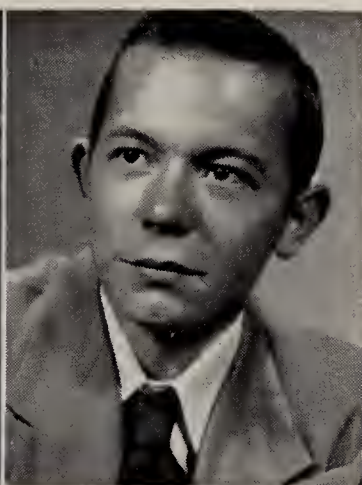
Genoa, 50; Football, 52,53; Basketball, 51,52,53; Baseball, 51,52; Howling Hosts, 51,52,53; Commercial Club, 52; Choir, 53; Operetta, 53; Christmas Program, 53; F.F.A., 52; "D" Club, 52,53.

Walters, Barbara Jean

Adams Central, 50,51; F.H.A., 52,53; F.H.A. President, 53; Color Wheel, 53; Vice-President, Color Wheel, 53; Choir, 53; Operetta, 53; Band, 52; Pep Champs, 52,53; Commercial Club, 52,53; Christmas Program, 53; Girls Athletics, 52,53; Canteen, 53; Gabfest Staff, 53.

Werling, Deloris Mae

Secretary, Class, 50; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus, 50; Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Gabfest Staff, 50,53; Choir, 52,53; Commercial Club, 52,53; Operetta, 52,53; Christmas Program, 52,53; Girls Athletics, 53.

**Wenger, Neema Jean**

Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; F.H.A., 51,52,53; Fresh.-Soph. Chorus, 51; Gabfest Staff, 53; Commercial Club, 52,53.

Wolfe, Robert Leroy

Football, 50,51,52; Track, 50,51,52; Howling Hosts, 53.

**Wood, Lois Maureen**

Peru, 50; Albany, 51; Class Treasurer, 52; Choir, 52,53; Choir President, 53; Gabfest, 52,53; Color Wheel, 52,53; Color Wheel President 53; Operetta, 52,53; Ravelings Staff, 53; Christmas Program, 52,53; Art Editor, Inkspots, 53; Scholastic Letter, 52,53; Orchestra, 52,53.

Workinger, Shirley Ann

Pep Champs, 50,51,52,53; Commercial Club, 52, 53; Choir, 52,53; Operetta, 52,53; F.H.A., 50,51, 52,53; Christmas Program, 52,53; Gabfest Staff, 53; Canteen, 51,52,53.



First Row: Tom Adams, Norma Agler, Paul Andrews, Don Aurand, Nana Aurand, Bob Baker, Barbara Black

Second Row: Roger Blackburn, Carol Bowman, Dick Callow, Tony Custer, Bill Ditto, Ted Douglas, Verlin Egley.

Third Row: Jim Engle, Janet Everhart, Madeline Friend, Eugene Fuelling, Dick Gaskill, Arnold Gerke, Willa Mae Goelz.

Fourth Row: Marvin Grote, Jim Hakes, Janet Hetrick, Janet Hott, Tom Hurst, Larry Hutker, Joann Johnson.



Class Officers: (Left to Right)

Roger Pollock—Secretary
 Bill Ditto—President
 Gary Simons—Treasurer
 Larry Vizard—Vice-President

Juniors

At the very first of the school year the Junior class elected as their sponsor and class officers:

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| President | - | - | - | Bill Ditto |
| Vice President | - | - | - | Larry Vizard |
| Secretary | - | - | - | Roger Pollock |
| Treasurer | - | - | - | Gary Simons |
| Sponsor | - | - | - | Miss Weidler |

The Junior class opened the year by sponsoring two dances—the first a football victory dance and the second, a basketball dance. Both dances were very successful. The music for the basketball dance was supplied by a very excellent orchestra from North Side High School.

Janet Hetrick, an energetic junior, is president of the D.H.S. Band. Many other talented juniors participate in the band and its activities.



First Row: Jean Kallenberger, Neil Keller, Lloyd Kelsey, Jim Kingsley, Marilyn Kirchenbauer, Marvene Krick, Phil Krick.

Second Row: Charna Lake, Don Lehman, Carolyn McDougal, Carolie Nelson, Roger Pollock, Dick Rambo, Nora Ray.

Third Row: Marcella Roth, Jim Rowley, Carol Seitz, Don Shaffer, Gary Simons, Janet Smith, Marlene Snyder.

Fourth Row: Thurman Sudduth, Larry Vizard, Delight Wagner, Bonnie Welker, Delores Wolfe.

Many juniors made themselves prominent in activities such as Choir, Pep Champs, Howling Hosts, F.F.A., F.H.A., Art Club, and Commercial Club.

We made a trip to Detroit and Windsor, Canada, in the fall of 1952 under supervision of Miss Walters, Mr. Worthman and Mr. Dorwin. Everybody had a wonderful time.

A very exciting event of the year was the Girls' Annual class tournament. The juniors, playing against the seniors in the final game, came through with a victory for their class.





First Row: Sheila Ahr, Stanley Allison, Tom Aurand, Barbara Bailer, Jerry Bair, Bill Baumann, Marilyn Braun, Eugene Butcher.

Second Row: Patty Byrd, Art Callow, Nancy Clark, Roger Cookson, Dana Dalzell, Buddy Daniels, Dorcas Davidson, Richard Debolt.

Third Row: Beverly Douglas, Don Drake, Don Duff, June Edwards, Doyle Egly, Phylliss Elliott.

Fourth Row: David Embler, Greta Erekson, Joyce Franklin, Shirley Garner, Sara Gerber, Gerald Grote, Jeanette Hahnert, Dave Halterman.

Fifth Row: Janice Hall, John Hammond, Bill Hancher, Gwen Hilyard, Max Hilyard, Dwight Hoffman, James Holt.



Class Officers: (Left to Right)

Belva Miller—Treas.
John Hammond—Vice-Pres.
Ron Vetter—Pres.
Gwen Hilyard—Sec.

Sophomores

September 3, 1952, found seventy-eight ingenious students, no longer freshmen, but sophomores, trudging back to dear old D. H. S. We weren't quite sure whether to be jubilant because we were now upperclassmen or to look back upon our freshman days with saddened hearts and fond remembrances.

This year three of our boys earned honor sweaters. They were Bill Hancher, Arthur Callow, and David Halterman. Nice going, boys! The McCurdy twins were the only two to shine in cross country.



First Row: Gene Johnson, Kay Johnson, Charles Judt, Jerry Keller, Carl Lehrman, Brenda Levy, Colleen Lob-siger, Barbara McBride.
 Second Row: Dwight McCurdy, Robert McCurdy, Fred McDougal, Dick Marbach, Belva Miller, Arlene Myers, Ervin Myers, John Neireiter.
 Third Row: Bob Ochsenrider, Jackie Reidenbach, Jane Rentz, Jerry Rhodes, Ronnie Robinson, Paul Rolston, Carol Roop, David Runyon.
 Fourth Row: Dorcas Sautbine, Dan Shackley, Harlen Shaffer, Perry Sheets, Roger Sipe, Anita Smith, Earl Sprague, Robert Sprague.
 Fifth Row: Bob Strong, David Uhrick, Harold Vanhorn, Ron Vetter, Louise Wass, Nancy Weisenburger, Ruth Wiegman.

In the spring revue "Off the Records," Sheila Ahr, Jane Rentz, Ronnie Robinson, Dave Uhrick and Bob Ochsenrider proved their musical ability by performing as a jazz band. They sounded like professionals.

Our representatives on the student council were Dana Dalzell, Max Hilyard, and Ronnie Vetter.

We had a large number of students on the honor roll and some of our sophomore students received Latin pins for a perfect score in Latin vocabularies.

The sixteen sophomores chosen to serve for the "Prom" were Greta Erikson, Joyce Franklin, Dorcas Davidson, Dorcas Sautbine, Sara Gerber, Dave Halterman, Fred McDougal, John Hammond, Dave Embler, Ron Vetter, Bill Hancher, Ronnie Robinson, and John Neireiter. Congratulations!





First Row: Jimmie Anderson, Carolyn Aumann, Robert Bailer, Sharon Baker, Nancy Baumgartner, Michael Beery, Myraeene Black, Alan Bogner, James Bowman.
 Second Row: Leah Brandberry, Ronald Brown, Wayne Brunner, James Butcher, Joyce Callow, Nancy Cole, Jon Corey, Janet Courtney, Danny Cowans.
 Third Row: Phil DeBolt, Marlene Dellinger, David Ellsworth, Gladys Ewell, Marilyn Foor, Sara Frank, Judith Franz, Larry Fryback, Arlen Fuelling.
 Fourth Row: Don Case, Ruth Girod, Tom Grimm, Mildred Grote, Jerry Hammond, Roger Hawkins, Harry Hebble, Barbara Heller, Deanne Johnson.
 Fifth Row: Judy Keller, Robert Keller, Richard Kiser, Betty Knavel, Sharon Kreischer, Dan Krueckeberg, Janet Lane, Luanne Lehman, Judy Locke.

Freshmen



This is the year of 1952-53 which found ninety freshmen enrolling in their first exciting year of high school. We elected the following officers: president, Nancy Baumgartner; vice-president, Bill Zwick; secretary, Leah Brandberry, and treasurer, Jeanne Roth. Oh yes! We must not forget our faithful sponsor, Mr. Stoffer, who has been very patient in helping in various ways. We also elected three Student Council representatives—Judy Locke, Rog Strickler, and Nancy Baumgartner. This year we surprised Mr. Andrews by paying our class dues more promptly than usual.

Class Officers: (Left to Right)

Leah Brandberry—Sec.
 Bill Zwick—Vice-Pres.
 Nancy Baumgartner—Pres.
 Jeanne Roth—Treas.

We'll never forget our freshman initiation. However,



First Row: John Lough, Georgeanna McBride, Erwin Martin, Otis Martin, Sondra May, Sylvia Mazelin, Don Moser, Terry Murphy, Max Myers.
 Second Row: Beverly Poling, Linda Pollock, Tom Rambo, Dick Raver, Bob Rawley, Mary Rentz, Sundra Repert, Shirley Ritter, Billy Roth.
 Third Row: Helen Roth, Jeanne Roth, Jeannine Schultz, Jim Sheets, Dan Simmerman, Lorna Smith, Mary Jane Smith, Harold Sommers, Rosemary Strahm.
 Fourth Row: Don Strickler, Roger Strickler, Mara Dee Striker, Joyce Sudduth, Don Swygart, Marlene Thieme, Ruth Townsend, Donna Venis, Vera Walters.
 Fifth Row: Shirley Wass, Walter Werst, Virgil Wolfe, David Wood, Larry Worden, Bill Zwick.

the seniors weren't so rough as we had expected them to be. The boys, as well as the girls, had to wear their clothes inside out. What a sight! there was more. The girls were expected to wear two different colored socks, and shoes with no shoe strings. Every time we approached the school block we found any number of freshman boys running around it. Of course, there were some senior boys around too! We will all agree there is nothing like freshman initiation.

Our first activity of the year was a get-together dance, called "Freshman Frolic," which was held on January 16, 1953, in the Music Room. Next we sponsored a dance called, "Springtime Swing," in which the decorations were very bright and gay. Both dances were successful. In the following years we hope for many interesting and successful happenings.





First Row: Dewayne Agler, Stanley Alger, Jack Aurand, Jack Barlett, Carolyn Bassett, Gene Baxter, Edwin Bean, Helen Bollinger, Sara Brunnegraff.
 Second Row: Phyllis Byrd, Dick Carpenter, Mike Cole, Peter Dalzell, Max Daniels, Sharon DeBolt, Judy Dedolph, John Dorwin, Connie Douglas.
 Third Row: Robert Durbin, Betsy Embler, Elaine Evans, Gloria Fugate, Linda Gamsby, Judy Gephart, Katherine Goelz, Jay Gould, Vivian Hamilton.
 Fourth Row: John Hart, Kenneth Hawkins, Ronald Heshner, Donald Hess, James Hullinger, Sharon Idlewine, Helen Irwin, Joyce Irwin, Marilyn Jefferies.
 Fifth Row: Robert Johnson, Jerry Kaehr, Tony Kelly, John Kiser, Jack Ladd, Dennis Lobsiger, Wilber Lough, Charles Luhman, Twanette Magley.



Class Officers: (Left to Right)

Tony Kelly—Treas.
 Jay Gould—Sec.
 Bill Smith—Vice-Pres.
 Don Strong—Pres.

Eighth Grade

The eighth grade had a very enjoyable school year this year with the help of our honorable teachers. We think we all have added greatly to our knowledge this year.

We started out last fall by electing our sponsor and class officers. We chose Mr. Smith for our class sponsor and we elected the following officers: Donald Strong, president; Bill Smith, vice-president; Tony Kelly, treasurer; Jay Gould, secretary.

The Junior High had a very good basketball squad this



First Row: Sharon Marbach, John McGill, Janet McKean, Sharon Michaud, Virginia Miller, Clifford Norman Jr., David Ocampo, Beverly Patrick, Don Peterson.

Second Row: Sue Petrie, Jimmie Plasterer, Sandra Reynolds, Vera Roop, Jerry Rumble, Rita Runyon, Madge Scheiderer, Paul Schmidt, Freddy Schott.

Third Row: Ted Schrock, Charles Shaffer, Beverly Singer, Donna Small, Bill Smith, Larry Smith, Tommy Smith, Larry Strickler, Don Strong.

Fourth Row: Barbara Suttles, Lafe Swygart, Dale Troutner, Jane Uhrick, Kenny Vanhorn, Kent Varner, Louaine Walters, Ellen Welch, Bob Wenger, Jim Whitaker.

year. The boys and Mr. Lehman, their coach, won the City Tournament by winning over St. Joe two out of three times. They also won almost every game on the schedule. Those who made the team from the eighth grade were as follows: Ted Schrock, Tony Kelly, Gene Baxter, Paul Schmidt, DeWayne Agler, Fred Schott. Stanley Alger and Jack Barlett were student managers.

Those represented on the Student Council were the president of the class and Bill Smith and Betsy Embler, the representatives from each activity room.

Those who were on the honor roll one or more times were as follows: Gene Baxter, Sara Brunnegraff, Peter Dalzell, John Dorwin, Betsy Embler, Gloria Fugate, Linda Gamsby, Jay Gould, Marilyn Jefferies, Tony Kelly, Sue Petrie, Madge Scheiderer, Paul Schmidt, Ted Schrock, Donna Small, Bill Smith, Don Strong, Ellen Welch, and Kent Varner.





First Row: Phil Adams, David Andrews, Jerry Bailer, Ralph Bailer, Raymond Ballard, Bob Banks, Agnes Barlett, Norman Bassett, Dick Baumann.

Second Row: James Baumgartner, Gordon Black, Donnie Blackenbaker, Barbara Brunnegraff, David Butcher, Judy Carpenter, Claudia Caston, Kathy Cole, Rosie Conrad.

Third Row: Susan Custer, Kay DeBolt, Wilbur Dersch, Nancy Doyle, David Eichenauer, Jerry Fell, Nancy Fisher, Peter Fisher, Carolyn Frauhiger.

Fourth Row: Dianne Fulton, Nancy Gaskill, Susan Gerber, Darrell Grice, Jane Grimm, John Hahn, Scott Halterman, Bob Hart, John Hebble.

Fifth Row: Susan Heller, Harold Hirschey, Ted Hutker, Karen Jefferies, Dan Johnson, Barney Kaehr, Barbara Kalver, Carol Kiser, Phyllis Kiser.



Class Officers: (Left to Right)

Ann Uhrick—Sec.
Emily Swearingen—Treas.
Larry Moses—Vice-Pres.
David Willard—Pres.

Seventh Grade

Proudly and full of pep the seventh graders, newly-arrived from Lincoln School, made their first appearance in the halls of old D. H. S. With their journey on the long path of education well begun, forty-seven boys and forty girls were now ready to tackle new teachers and new subjects.

It wasn't long until the new Junior Highs became accustomed to the new procedure. There were new rules and a different routine, but this was a welcome adventure for the class of '58.

The class elected Mr. Herman, the new English in-



First Row: Judy Lane, Gretchen Lankenau, Richard Leming, Alicia Levy, Freddy Locke, Jack Macklin, Clarence May, Phil McDonald, Judy Melchi.
 Second Row: Donna Miller, Nina Milton, Larry Moses, Wayne Myers, Pat Nelson, Linda Norris, Raymond Ocampo, Phillip Rambo, Glen Rekeweg.
 Third Row: Lanny Ross, Ramona Rousseau, Martha Sell, Gary Sheets, John Sheets, Richard Simmerman, Janalee Smith, Joyce Smith, Judy Smith.
 Fourth Row: Joyce Smitley, LaVerne Stahl, Tom Strickler, Don Sudduth, Jewel Sudduth, Emily Swearingen, Ann Uhrick, Marilou Uhrick, Kaye Varner.
 Fifth Row: David Willard, Michael Witwer, Richard Wolfcale, Beatrice Wolfe, Chalmer Wolfe, Marjorie Wolfe.

structor, to be its sponsor, and after a lot of friendly rivalry elected the following officers: David Willard, president; Larry Moses, vice-president; Ann Uhrick, secretary, and Emily Swearingen, treasurer. The Student Council has three seventh graders as members: Fred Locke, Dan Johnson, and the class president.

The seventh grade had many pupils on the Junior High honor roll. The following class members made the Junior High basketball team: Bob Banks, Ty Ballard, David Eichenauer, Larry Moses, Wayne Myers, Tom Strickler, and David Willard. The yell leaders elected for the team were Kathy Cole, Rosie Conrad, Susie Heller, and Judy Lane, all from the seventh grade. The basketball team had a successful season, winning nine games and losing eight games. They also won the City Trophy in a three-game series with St. Joe. The girls always gave their loyal support to the team at all the games.

As their journey goes on, the class of '58 hopes to make a fine showing in study and sports.





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Ravelings Staff

Left picture
Marilyn Jaberg—Editor

Right picture
Marvene Krick—Asst. Editor

Left picture—
Standing
Lois Wood—Art Editor

Carolie Nelson — Assistant Snap Shots Editor

Seated
Carolyn McDougal—Assistant Photography Editor

Beverly Elliott—Snap Shots Editor

Carol Kalver — Photography Editor

Right picture—
Standing
Russ Plumley—Sports Editor

Neil Keller — Assistant Sports Editor

Seated
Marilyn Kirchenbauer — Assistant Girls Sports Editor

Sharon Kimble—Girls Sports Editor

Bottom picture
Standing

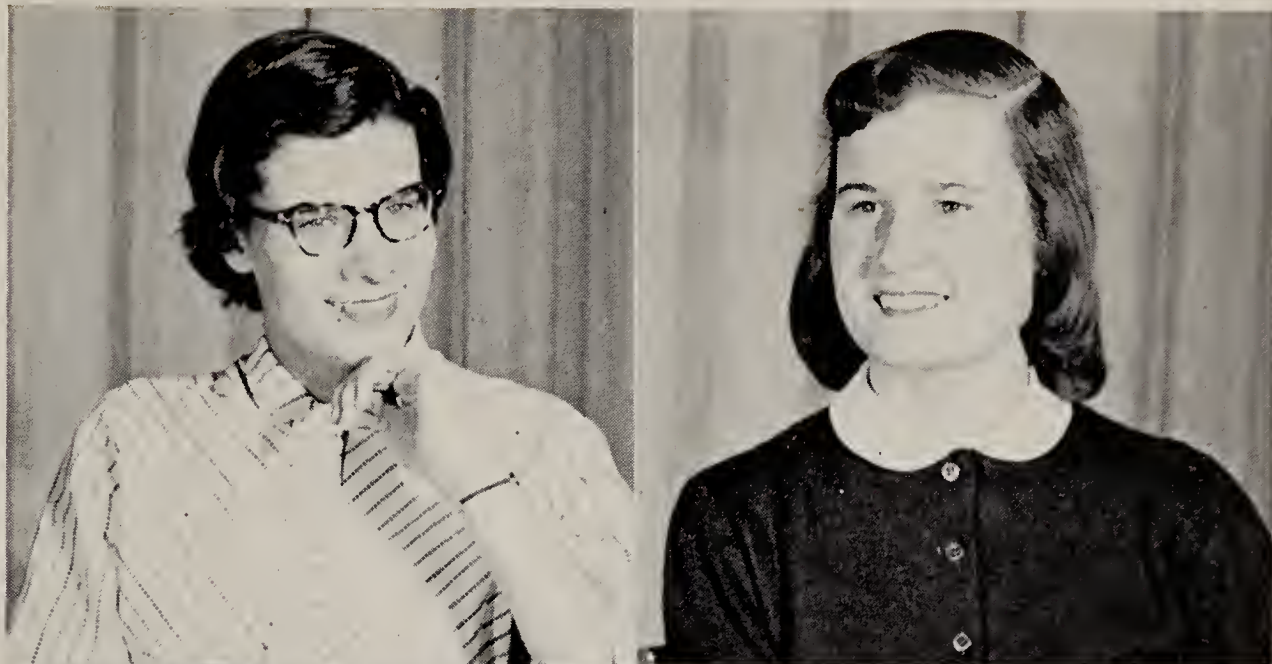
Joan Kruse, Carolyn Strickler, Louanne Davidson—Copy Editors

Jim Engle—Assistant Business Manager

Seated
Allan Cole—Business Manager

Shirley Sudduth, Barbara Bowman—Copy Editors

Karen Striker — Assistant Business Manager





Front row—Marvene Krick, Carolyn Strickler, Betty Brunner, Sharlene Lehman, Carol Seitz, Gaynel Lankenau, Barbara Cole, Carolyn McDougal, Marlene Snyder, Shirley Fuelling, Janet Smith, Jack Lawson
 Second row—Delight Wagner, Noma Brunner, Joan Kruse, Beverly Elliott, Willa Mae Goelz, Dick Callow, Don Roop
 Third row: Marilyn Robinson, Carol Baumgartner, Carol Elzey, Karen Striker, Lois Wood, Ronnie Secaur, Jim Rowley, Ronnie Murphy

Choir

This year, sixty-five members of the choir of D. H. S. elected as their officers Lois Wood, president; Shirley Fuelling, vice-president; Marilyn Jaberg, secretary, and Gene Vetter, treasurer.

Under the excellent and able direction of Miss Helen Haubold, assisted by Carol El-

zey, our talented accompanist, the choir participated in many and varied programs throughout the year. On November 14 the school held its annual Open House, at which time the choir made its first public appearance. The following month we presented the music for the Christmas program and in



Helen Haubold
Director



Carol Elzey
Accompanist



Front row— Cletus Corey, Paul Conrad, Jim Rennels, Charna Lake, Louanne Davidson, Shirley Work-
inger, Lois Strahm
Second row: Dan Thomas, Bob Kiser, Paul Andrews, Janet Hott, Marilyn Kirchenbauer, Janet Hetrick,
Zelda Ensminger
Third row: Don Reinking, Dick Duff, Marilyn Jaberg, Delores Werling, Sunya Stuckey, Carol Kalver
Fourth row: Gene Vetter, Gene Morrison, Bob Lobsiger, Barbara Walters, Sharon Kimble, Shirley
Fisher, Barbara Bowman, Shirley Sudduth

January, sang at the Methodist Church during Spiritual Emphasis Week. The spring revue, entitled "Off the Records," presented March 26 and 27, was a tremendous success and we all enjoyed giving it.

A dance, "Sleighbell Swing" was sponsored by the choir on December 19 after the Warsaw basketball game. The room was decorated appropriately and looked like a

winter wonderland; the orchestra from North Side played wonderful music, and the dance was enjoyed by all!

As we begin practicing our songs for Baccalaureate and Commencement, the seniors recall all their choir experiences and hope that all the underclassmen will have the same wonderful memories of their years as members of the Choir of D. H. S.



Boys' Quartet

(Left to Right)

Gene Morrison, Jim Rowley, Dan Thomas, Jack Lawson



Choir Officers

Sec.—Marilyn Jaberg
Vice-Pres.—Shirley Fuelling
Pres.—Lois Wood
Treas.—Gene Vetter



Band

As the seventh period class begins, the famous words that bound the four walls of the band room are, "Quiet! Remember one more cut and you're out!"

Our activities this year were numerous and they proved to be a lot of fun. We played for the annual Bluffton Street Fair and the Calithumpian Parade. We also participated in providing music for the football, basketball, and Sectional Tourney games.

Under the capable direction of Clint Reed, the band has developed a "high classed" orchestra. The orchestra traveled to Ft. Wayne to entertain



Janet Hetrick—Student Director

Sharlene Lehman—Student Director

Marvene Krick—Asst. Student Director



Majorettes

Dorcas Davidson

Carol Baumgartner

Jackie Reidenbach



First Row: Mary Rentz, Kathy Cole, Janet Hott, Jackie Reidenbach, Carol Baumgartner, Dorcas Davidson, Janet Hetrick, Sharlene Lehman, Gaynel Lankenau, Louanne Davidson.
 Second Row: Karen Jefferies, Zelda Ensminger, Anita Smith, Jane Rentz, Joyce Franklin, Carolyn McDougal, Janet Smith, Marilyn Kirchenbauer, Ruth Townsend, Sheila Ahr, Danna Dalzell, Madge Scheiderer.
 Third Row: Judy Smith, Ronnie Robinson, Bob Ochsenrider, David Uhrick, Harold Sommer, Ronald Murphy, Jerry Kaehr, Jim Anderson, Marilyn Foor, Rosie Conrad.
 Fourth Row: Nancy Doyle, John Hebble, Donna Small, Stanley Alger, Judy Lane, Janalee Smith, Ann Uhrick, Bobbi Kalver, Susan Custer, Gretchen Lankenau, Claudia Caston.

at the Veterans' Hospital. They also presented a spring concert from "Bach to Boogie."

The band members also gave a surprise party for Albert "Selle" Sellemeyer, a former band director. All alumni band students were invited.

We can not forget the assistance of the three student directors—Sharlene Lehman, Janet Hetrick and Marvene Krick—and the three majorettes—Carol Baumgartner, Dorcas Davidson and Jackie Reidenbach.

Best of luck to the remaining band and orchestra members!



Clint Reed
Director



Comm. Club Officers

(Left to Right)
 Joan Kruse—Treas.
 Lois Strahm—Pres.
 Louann Davidson—Sec.
 Carol Baumgartner—Vice-Pres.

Commercial Club

The Commercial Club again organized this year and fell into full swing with the election of the following officers: Lois Strahm, president; Carol Baumgartner, vice-president; Luanne Davidson, secretary, and Joan Kruse, treasurer.

The members of the Commercial Club, composed of students who have had two years' work in the commercial department, are responsible for the *GAB FEST* which is published every year. The articles are written by students in the high school and are

Standing: Janet Hetrick, Carolyn McDougal, Janet Hott, Carolie Nelson, Bonnie Welker, Nora Ray, Nanna Aurand, Barbara Black, Norma Agler, Lois Strahm, Barbara Bowman, Carol Baumgartner, Louann Davidson, Barbara Walters, Beverly Elliott.

Seated: Madeline Friend, Willa Mae Goelz, Carol Seitz, Marlene Snyder, Carol Bowman, Shirley Sudduth, Sally Roth, Marvene Krick, Marilyn Kirchenbauer, Neoma Wenger, Janet Smith, Janet Everhart, Shirley Workinger, Pat Treon.





Standing: Jerry Cowans, Dick Callow, Jim Rennels, Don Drake, Dick Rambo, Dick Gaskill, Bob Kiser, Walter Lehrman, Jim Murtaugh, Roger Blackburn, Jim Engle, Larry Hutker, Bob Baker, Gary Simons, Roger Pollock, Joe Ditto.

Seated: Jim Kingsley, Shirley Fuelling, Marilyn Jaberg, Karen Striker, Barbara Cole, Carol Kalver, Delores Werling, Carolyn Strickler, Carol Elzey, Tony Custer, Sunya Stuckey, Phil Krick, Larry Vizard.

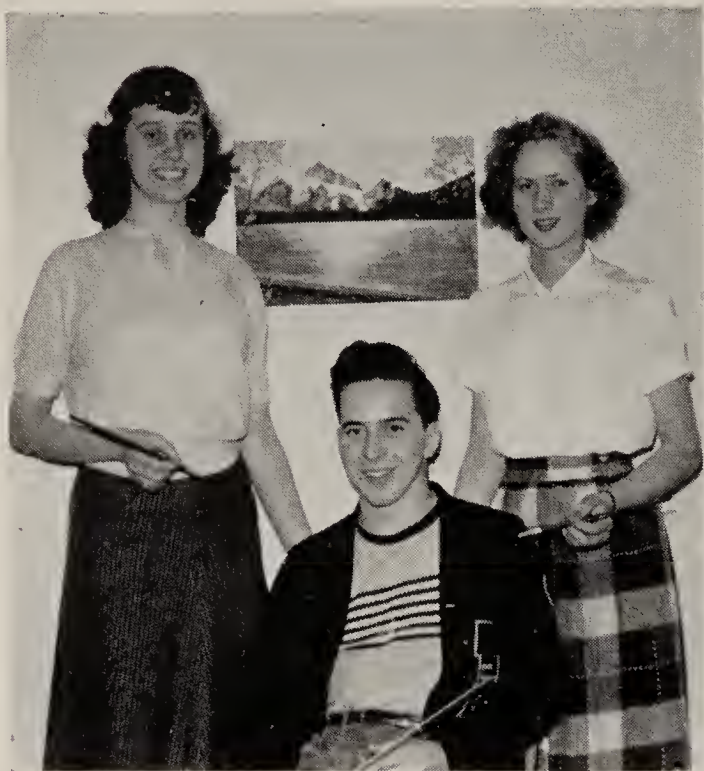
then passed on to Mr. Hetrick, our supervisor, for the editing and typing. All of this work is done by students in his classes.

Another project which the Commercial Club has undertaken is the plan which enables students to earn typing awards. The awards are given for writing fifty, sixty, and seventy words per minute with a minimum of eight errors. Forty word certificates are also given for writing forty words per minute with a minimum of ten errors.

Our experience with the Commercial Club has been one which we won't easily forget, and we wish all future Commercial Clubs the success which we have had.

Sunya Stuckey
Operates Some of Our Modern
Commercial Equipment





Color Wheel Officers

(Left to Right)

Lois Wood—Pres.
Cletus Corey—Sec.-Treas.
Barbara Walters—Vice-Pres.

Color Wheel Club

The Color Wheel Club, under the capable supervision of Miss Kauffman, began another busy year by electing Lois Wood as president, Barbara Walters as vice-president and Cletus Corey as secretary-treasurer.

At Christmas time the Color Wheel Club painted and decorated the Music Room and Library windows with the Nativity murals. They also made a large beautiful replica of a stained glass window for the Christmas play.

As usual, the Color Wheel Club painted a large sign and numerous smaller signs for each school in the Sectional Tournament.

The Color Wheel Club was also called upon to paint the scenery for the revue, "Off the Records."

We also participated in the American Legion Poppy Poster Contest. The juniors of the Color Wheel Club closed the year by making decorations for the Prom.



Seated (Left to Right): Noma Brunner, Barbara Walters, Carol Baumgartner, Gaynel Lankenau, Carolie Nelson, Pat Treon, Janet Everhart, Deloris Wolfe.

Standing (Left to Right): Ted Douglas, Dick Duff, Dick Black, Paul Andrews, Jim Murtaugh, Dick Gaskill, Lisle Knittle, Paul Conrad, Cletus Corey, Ferris Kohne, Bob Brokaw, Henry Lehrman, Jerry Cowans, Don Roop, Lloyd Kelsey, Don Reinking, Dick Rambo, David Runyon, Tom Adams.

"D" Club

The "D" club, an organization which was started last year, consists of the lettermen of the school. Last year the club had 37 members. With the addition of new letter men, there are now 40 members. The "D" club has had several meetings this year discussing methods to improve Decatur High School Athletics. The annual club banquet was held on May 4. Interesting speeches were given by Red Sitko, Murray Mendenhall and Leland Franks, an alumnus of D. H. S. the year the basketball team went to the State Tourney.

The officers of the organization are president, Ferris Kohne; vice president, Don Reinking; secretary-treasurer, Don Roop.



'D' Club Officers

(Left to Right)

Ferris Kohne—Pres.
Don Roop—Sec.-Treas.
Don Reinking—Vice-Pres.



Front Row: Roger Blackburn, Tony Custer, Verlin Egly, Robert McCurdy, Bill Hancher, Dwight McCurdy, Art Callow, Don Aurand, Don Schaffer.
Second Row: Ron Secaur, Kent Koons, Ferris Kohne, Joe Ditto, Don Reinking, Paul Conrad, Dick Duff, Bob Lobsiger, Bob Kiser.
Third Row: Russ Plumley, Dan Thomas, Lisle Knittle, Gene Morrison, Jack Lawson, Henry Lehrman, Don Roop, Bob Brokaw, Jim Rowley, Cletus Cory.
Fourth Row: Paul Andrews, Jim Rennels, Bob Baker, Thurman Sudduth, Roger Pollock, Larry Vizard, Larry Hutker, Jim Engle, Don Lehman, Gary Simons, Phil Krick, Dick Gaskill.



Pep Champ Officers

(Left to Right)

Shirley Fuelling—Pres.

Janet Hetrick—Vice-Pres.

Sara Gerber—Sec.

Judy Locke—Treas.

Pep Champs

The Pep Champ is an organization for all Senior High School girls. It was organized in 1929 and re-organized in 1933. To qualify for membership, you must have purchased a season ticket for basketball or football. In its earlier years, the organization sponsored girls athletics, bought basketball tickets for band members, and furnished athletic awards for girls. At the present time the girls sponsor dances. The goal of the Pep Champ is to promote good sportsmanship among the fans and to support the team at all times. It was organized again this year under the leadership of Miss Rebecca Walters, the girls athletic director. The officers for this year were:

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| President | - | Shirley Fuelling |
| Vice-president | - | Janet Hetrick |
| Secretary | - | Sara Gerber |
| Treasurer | - | Judy Locke |

First Row: Carolyn Strickler, Sharlene Lehman, Barbara Cole, Sunya Stuckey, Marilyn Jaberg, Shirley Fuelling, Carol Elzey, Barbara Walters, Gaynel Lankenau, Joan Kruse, Zelda Ensminger, Marilyn Robinson.
 Second Row: Lois Strahm, Shirley Sudduth, Barbara Bowman, Shirley Workerger, Shirley Fisher, Ann McKean, Neoma Wenger, Betty Brunner, Beverly Elliott, Louann Davidson, Delores Werling.
 Third Row: Sharon Kimble, Carol Kalver, Greta Erekson, Joyce Franklin, Anita Smith, Nancy Clark, Sheila Ahr, Dana Dazell, Phyliss Elliott, Jane Rentz, Jeanette Hahnert.





First Row: Carolie Nelson, Marcella Roth, Janet Smith, Janet Hott, Janet Everhart, Marvene Krick, Marlene Snyder, Carol Seitz, Madeline Friend, Marilyn Kirchenbauer, Janet Hetrick, Carolyn McDougal.
 Second Row: Willa Mae Goelz, Bonnie Welker, Barbara Black, Joann Johnson, Charna Lake, Carolyn Aumann, Mara Dee Striker, Leah Brandyberry, Mary Jane Smith, Louann Lehman, Joyce Callow, Carol Bowman.
 Third Row: Belva Miller, Arlene Myers, Kay Johnson, Barbara Bailer, Marilyn Braun, Genevive Draper, Deloris Wolfe, Sylvia Mazelin, Deanne Johnson, Delight Wagner, Nora Ray, Nana Aurand.

First Row: Ruth Townsend, Sara Gerber, Brenda Levy, Louise Wass, Dorcas Sautbine, Colleen Lobsiger, June Edwards, Ruth Wiegman, Sharon Kreischer, Nancy Baumgartner, Jeannine Schultz, Janet Lane.
 Second Row: Sondra May, Jeanne Roth, Gladys Ewell, Barbara Heller, Beverly Poling, Judy Keller, Linda Pollock, Mary Rentz, Rosemary Strahm, Sharon Baker, Judy Franz, Lorna Smith.
 Third Row: Betty Knavel, Nancy Cole, Vera Walters, Janet Courtney, Donna Venis, Sara Frank, Helen Roth, Shirley Wass, Marlene Thieme, Mildred Grote, Ruth Girod.





Howling Hosts Officers

(Left to Right)

Don Roop—Vice-Pres.
Joe Ditto—Pres.
Paul Conrad—Treas.
Bob Brokaw—Sec.

Howling Hosts

The 112 members of the Howling Hosts elected as their officers this year: President, Don Roop; vice president, Joe Ditto; secretary, Bob Brokaw; treasurer, Paul Conrad.

The Howling Hosts is really a booster club and have always backed the Decatur teams by purchasing season tickets for the ball games.



First Row: Roger McDonald, Bob Kiser, Jim Rennels, Jim Murtaugh, Bob Brokaw, Don Reinking, Cletus Corey, Lisle Knittle, Don Roop, Jerry Cowans, Thurman Sudduth, Walter Lehrman.
Second Row: Dick Duff, Allan Cole, Kent Koons, Bob Lobsiger, Gene Morrison, Jack Lawson, Russ Plumley, Ron Secaur, Bill Ditto, Verlin Egley, Don Aurand, Don Lehman.
Third Row: Kenneth Vanhorn, Tom Aurand, Roger Cookson, Jerry Keller, Bill Bauman, Dick Marbach, Jerry Grote, Ron Murphy, Dan Thomas, Jim Engle, Bob Baker.



First Row: Stanley Allison, Gary Simons, Neil Keller, Larry Vizard, Phil Krick, Bill Hancher, Fred McDougal, Dave Halterman, John Hammond, Bob McCurdy.
 Second Row: Alan Bogner, Tom Grimm, Bob Strong, David Ellsworth, Terry Murphy, Don Duff, Phil DeBolt, Bill Zwick, Dan Krueckeberg, Jim Sheets, Buddy Daniels, David Uhrick.
 Third Row: Dan Simmerman, James Bowman, Larry Worden, Jim Holt, David Runyon, Dwight Hoffman, Doyle Egley, Dick Raver, Harry Hebble, Roger Strickler, Roger Eichenhauer, John Neireiter.



First Row: Dick Gaskill, Tom Adams, Dick Rambo, Jim Anderson, Bill Roth, Don Drake, Dan Cowans, Tom Rambo, Arnold Gerke, Marvin Grote, Eugene Fuelling.
 Second Row: Jim Rowley, Harold Sommer, Ron Vetter, Roger Eley, Wayne Brunner, Max Myers, Max Hilyard, Art Callow, Ervin Myers, Bob Sprague.
 Third Row: Harlan Schaffer, Bob Wolfe, Paul Andrews, Bob Ochsenrider, Ronnie Robinson, Paul Rolston, Earl Sprague, Bob McCurdy, James Butcher, David Embler, Charles Judt.



F.H.A. Officers

(Standing)

Phylliss Elliott—Sec.
Marlene Thieme—Treas.

(Seated)

Barbara Walters—Pres.
Nora Ray—Vice-Pres.

F. H. A.

In November there was the aroma of baking cookies floating through the halls. We were really busy filling the orders for cookies. With the profits we made, we sent our senior girls to Chicago for the week end. There they toured the Armour Packing Company and Observatory. In the evening they saw a stage show.

In February we had a Valentine Dance after the basketball game in the Music Room.

Some of the girls went to Fairmont and Ball State this year to the F. H. A. district meeting.

We had a banquet for the F. H. A girls and their mothers. It was followed by a style show in which the girls modeled clothes from stores in town as well as their own Easter clothes and clothes which they had made in Home Ec.

We also had a skating party with the Future Farmers. In December we entertained the Monmouth F. H. A. at a model business meeting followed by a party.

First Row: Lois Strahm, Shirley Workinger, Nora Ray, Nanna Aurand, Barbara Black, Jean Kallenburger, Brenda Levy, Phylliss Elliott, Marlene Dellinger, Georgeanna McBride, Marlene Thieme, Marilyn Foor, Sarah Frank, Rosemary Strahm.

Second Row: Bonnie Welker, Patty Byrd, Janet Courtney, Nancy Baumgartner, Helen Roth, Janet Lane, Sharon Kreischer, Sondra May, Myraelene Black, Delores Wolf, Betty Brunner, Neoma Wenger, Barbara Heller, Donna Venis, Shirley Ritter, Delight Wagner.

Third Row: Louise Wass, Barbara McBride, Beverly Douglas, Ruth Wiegman, Jeannine Schultz, Jane Rayer, Shirley Wass, Mildred Grote, Nancy Cole, Carol Bowman, Sally Roth, Beverly Elliott, Barbara Walters, Norma Agler, Carol Seitz, Vera Walter, Shirley Garner.



F.F.A.

The D.H.S. F.F.A. chapter had an eventful year. The chapter was relatively small, there being only 17 members, but each boy pitched in and did his share.

Following are some of the activities in which we engaged since last May, 1952: The two judging teams, livestock and crops, advanced to the 4-H roundup at Purdue where the crops team ranked sixth in the state. Members were Stanley Allison, Gerald Grote, Marvin Grote, and John Frank.

During the ensuing summer our team played in the county F.F.A. softball league. Since school started, we have sponsored a skating party for the F.H.A. and made a 3-day tour of Chicago with them. To raise money for the chapter, we have made and sold hog troughs, and garden seeds, and we sponsored a scrap drive. Some of the contests engaged in were Pest Control, Judging of Livestock, Poultry, Crops, and Public Speaking. Russell Plumley placed third in our District Public Speaking contest. Marvin Grote led all boys in pest control and in sale of garden seeds.

The Livestock team, composed of Russell Plumley, Henry Lehrman, Arnold Gerke, Eugene Fuelling, have at this time again advanced to the semifinals of the state contest at Purdue.



F.F.A. Officers

(Left to Right)

Russ Plumley—Treas.
Marvin Grote—Reporter
Walter Lehrman—Pres.
Richard Marbach—Sentinel
Stanley Allison—Sec.

Seated (Left to Right): Richard Marbach, Jerry Grote, Russell Plumley, Jim Holt.

Standing (Left to Right): Walter Lehrman, Arlen Fuelling, Arnold Gerke, Henry Lehrman, Lisle Knittle, Carl Lehrman, Eugene Fuelling, Marvin Grote.



Prom

Revue

Speech

Student Council

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Amos Ketchum
Advisor



Shirley Fuelling
President

Student Council

The newly organized Student Council has eighteen active members from the junior and senior high school consecutive classes. These members are the class presidents and one elective from each class.

Monthly meetings are held where we eagerly discuss the behavior of the students

and the appearance of the halls and lawn.

Mr. Ketchum, who ably presents matters of importance to be discussed, acts as our sponsor.

Last, but not least, are our officers—president, Shirley Fuelling; vice president, Bill Ditto; secretary-treasurer, Janet Hetrick.

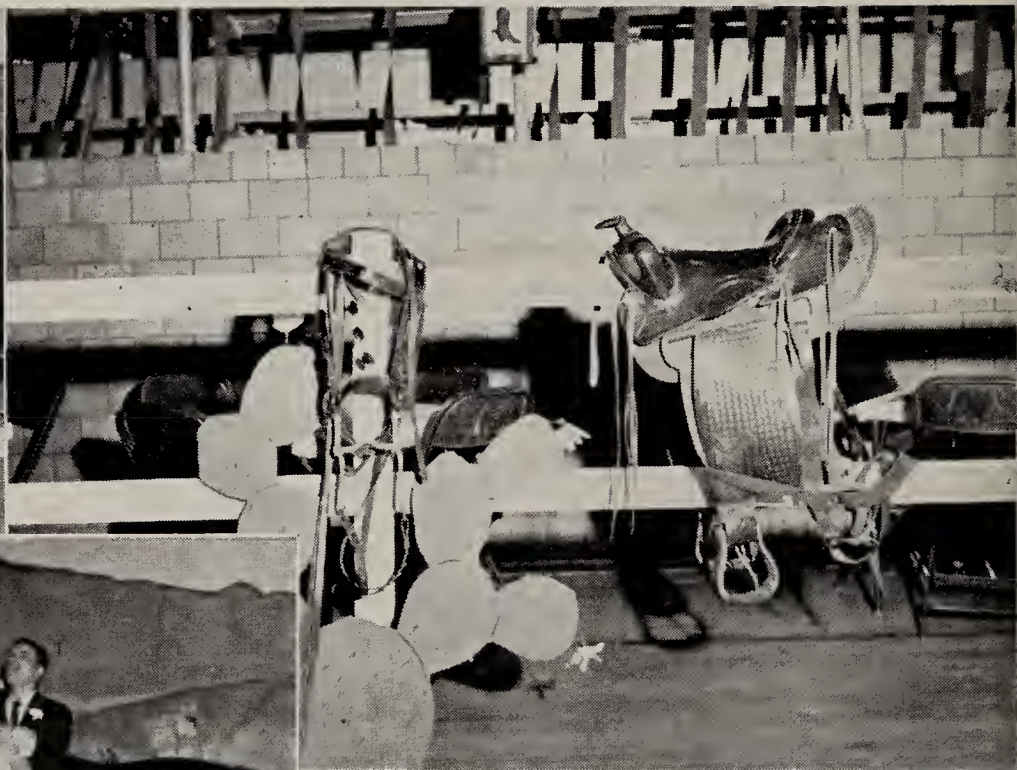


Seated: Nancy Baumgartner, Bill Ditto, Don Aurand, Allan Cole, Janet Hetrick, Henry Lehrman, Russ Plumley, Judy Locke.

Standing: Bill Smith, Don Strong, Dan Johnson, Dana Dalzell, Max Hilyard, Ron Vetter, Roger Strickler, Freddy Locke, Betsy Embler, David Willard.

Prom—1952

Under Western Skies



Speech Class

County Legion Oratorical Contest. (Left to Right)

Mary Lehman

Marsha Hunt

Edward F. Jaberg—Chairman

Joe Costello

Sharlene Lehman

Junior Town Meeting

Sharlene Lehman—Winner of Legion Oratorical Contest (County, District, Second in Zone)

Carol Kalver—Winner of Local Rotary Contest

Again, the Speech class of D. H. S., under the leadership of Mr. Dorwin, participated in a number of events.

The first event was a Jr. Town Meeting with North Side students at D. H. S. The topic for the discussion was, "Do Careers and Marriage Mix?" Our participants were Sharon Kimble and Carol Kalver. Shirley Fisher, Shirley Fuelling, Carol Elzey, and Carolyn Strickler, with Gaynel Lankenau as chairman, presented the topic for discussion at the Dramatic Section of Woman's Club. At the Lions Club, with Gene Vetter as chairman, Shirley Fisher, Shirley Fuelling, Marilyn Jaberg, and Sharlene Lehman presented a program of various topics.

In the Rotary Speech Contest, with the topic, "Democracy and Freedom," Carol Kalver was chosen as the representative for the local club.

In the annual American Legion School contest, Sharlene Lehman was chosen winner and Carol Kalver, alternate. Other contestants were: Shirley Fisher, Shirley Fuelling, Joe Ditto, Carol Elzey, Marilyn Jaberg, Sharon Kimble, Gaynel Lankenau, Jim Rowley. Carolyn Strickler was chairman. Sharlene also participated in the local, district and zone contests.

Pat Treon and Joe Ditto took part in a panel discussion using the topic, "Citizenship, Our Christian Concern."

The final event of the year was a Jr. Town Meeting, at Howe, Indiana. The topic put for discussion was "Are Girls Marrying Too Young?" The participants were Shirley Fuelling and Sharlene Lehman.

Other members of the Speech class were Ann McKean, Zelda Ensminger, Marilyn Robinson and Joe Costello.



Christmas Program

Nativity

Scene



*Candlelight
Recessional*



*The Cast
in
Reverence*



*Spring
Revue*



*Off
the
Records*



Assembly Programs

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Namoura dances for us

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Carol a la India

Muscular Musician



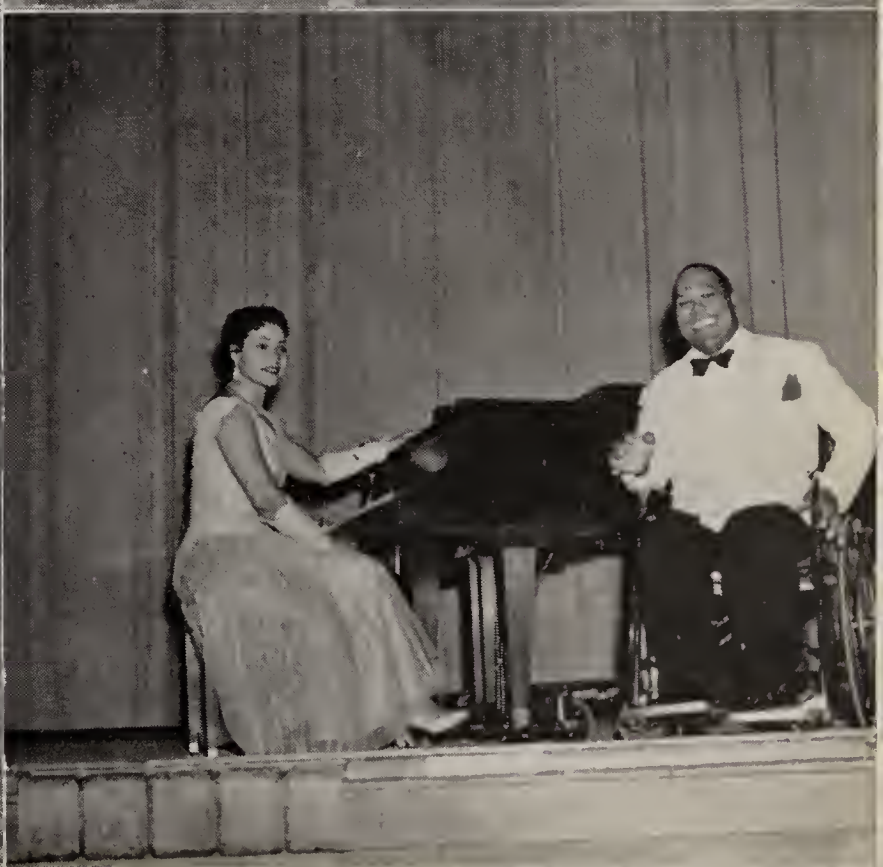
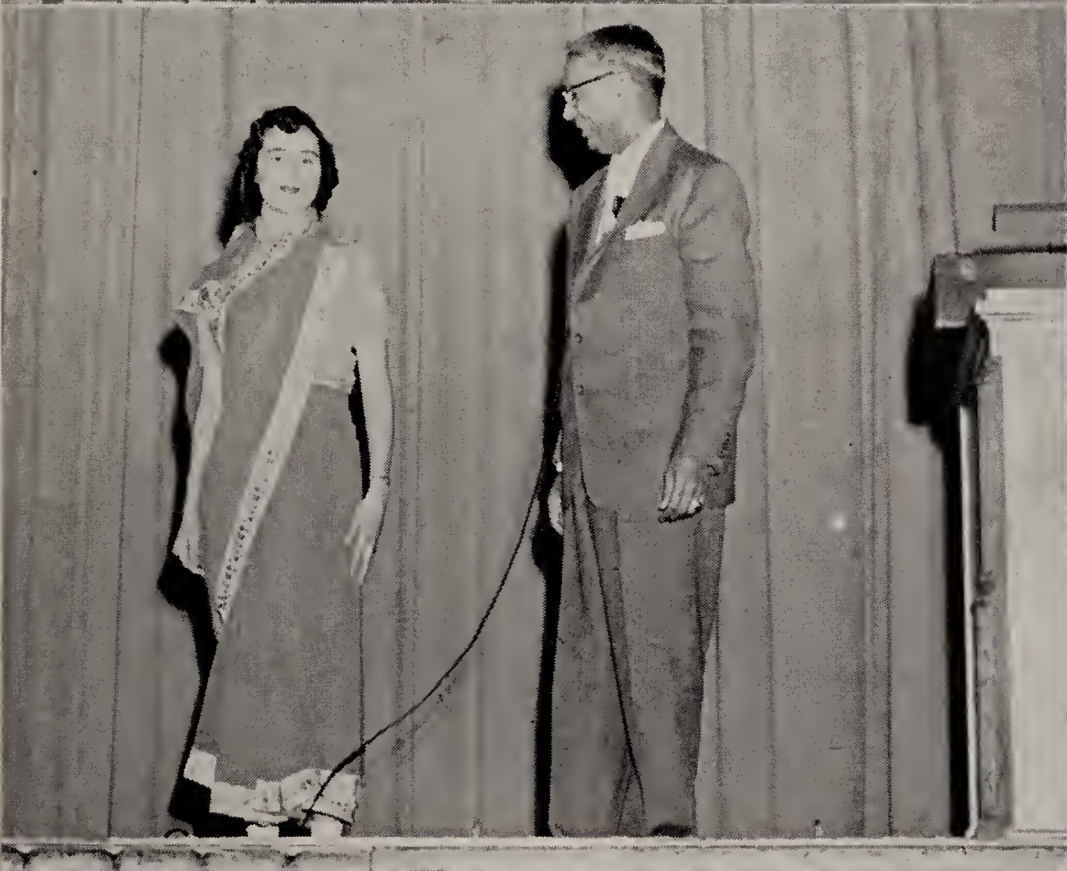
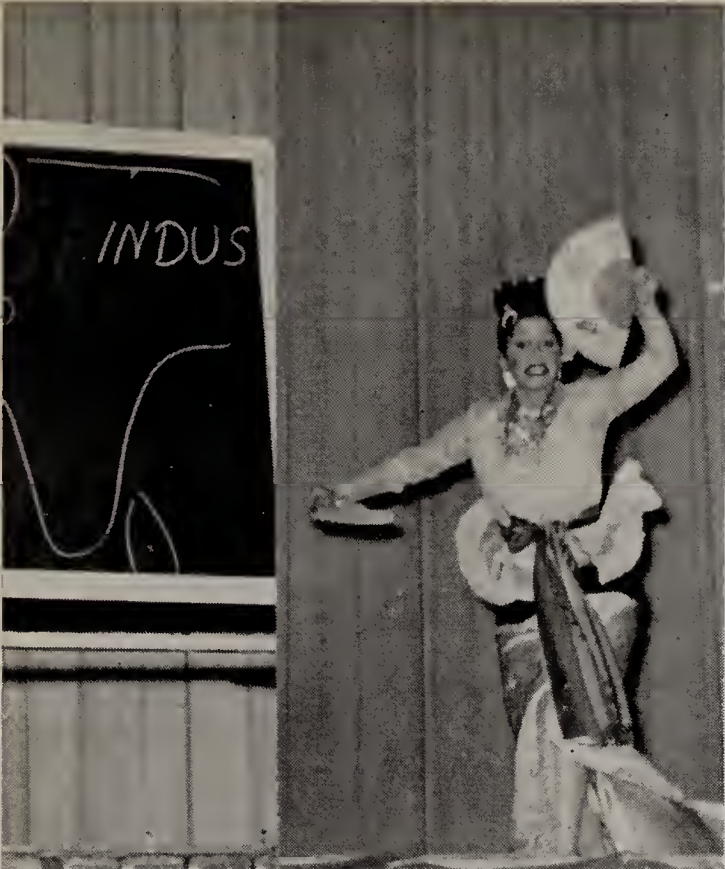
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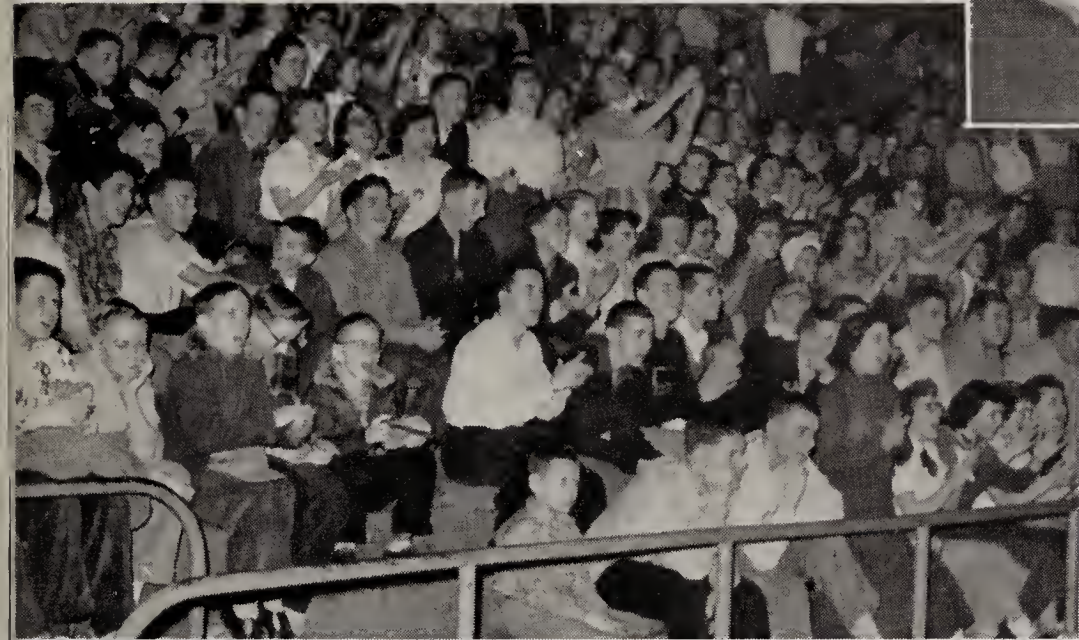
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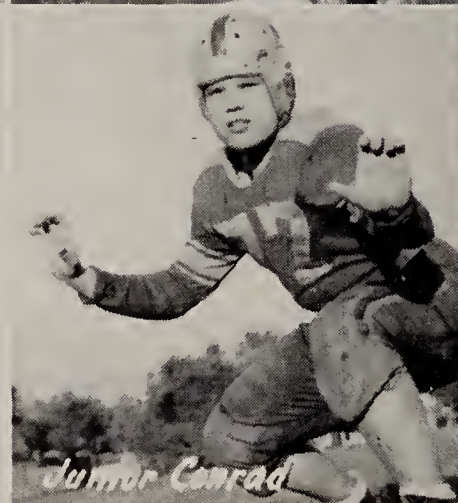
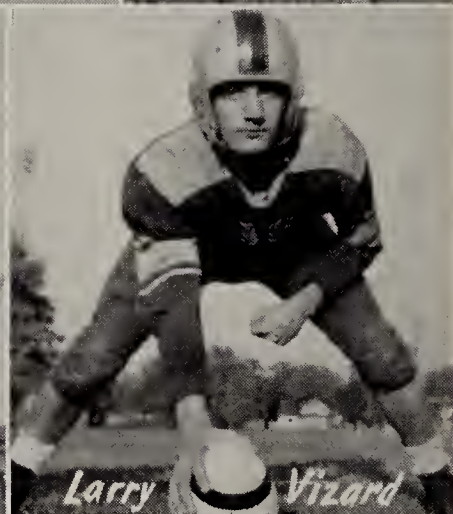
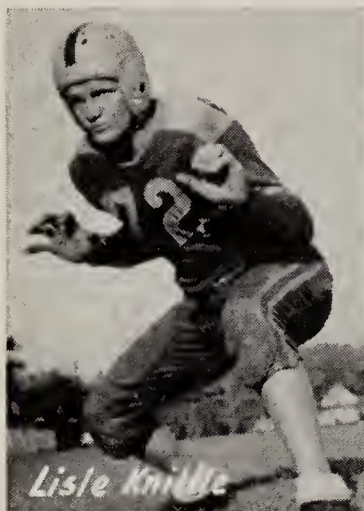
Standing—
Robert Worthman
Deane T. Dorwin
Seated—
Jerry Leitz
Hubert Zerkle, Jr.

Football

The Yellow Jackets began their '52 season by traveling to Auburn to meet the always tough Auburn Red Devils. Auburn, as in former years, had too much size for Decatur and won by a score of 31-6; however the score doesn't tell the story for Decatur battled right down to the final gun.

Next, the Jackets ventured to Bluffton to meet their arch-rivals, the Bluffton Tigers. Decatur again were outsized, but they put up a hard fight and ended the game in a 7-7 deadlock.

The Jackets opened their home season by entertaining the Garrett Railroaders. Decatur



tur, still sore from Garrett's win last year, got some new life and came out on top by a 21-6 count.

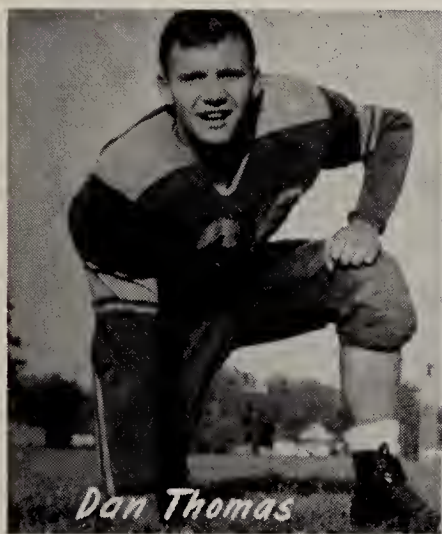
The Portland Panthers were next, and the Yellow Jackets wasted no time in piling up a 32-0 score. This was the Jackets' easiest victory all year long; however, they played "head's up" ball and showed lots of enthusiasm.

The Jackets traveled to Fort Wayne for their next outing to play the Concordia Cadets. The Jackets were outsized in this game

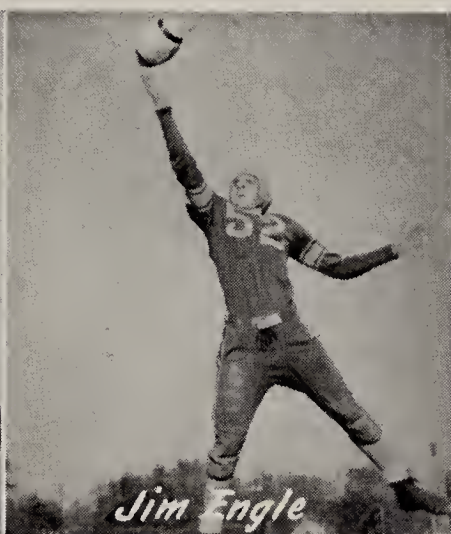
too, but they showed hustle and drive and won by an 18-14 score. In this game Concordia was threatening to score several times in the last quarter, but was unable to get the pigskin over for a touchdown.

In the next home stand the Jackets played host to the New Haven Bulldogs, who beat the Yellow Jackets 33-7. In this game the Jackets were weakened by injuries and lost the spirit in the last quarter as New Haven won going away.

The Yellow Jackets played their next



Dan Thomas



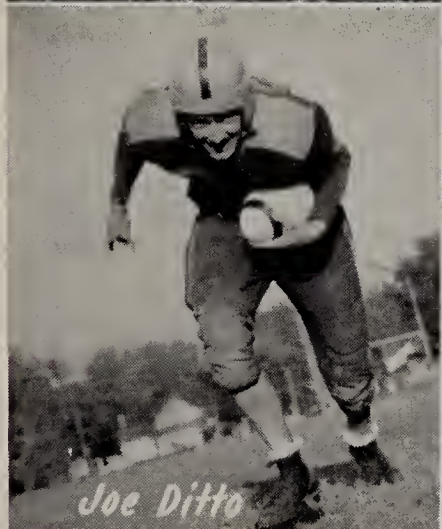
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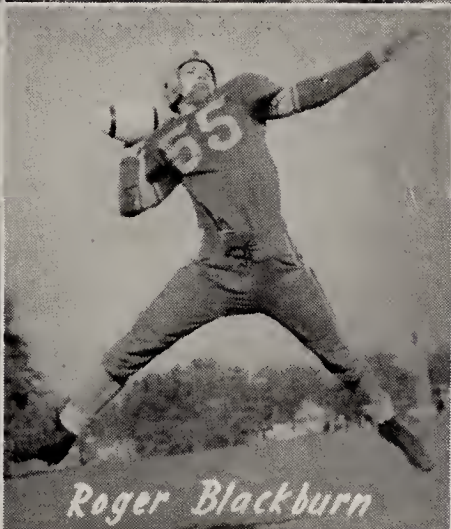
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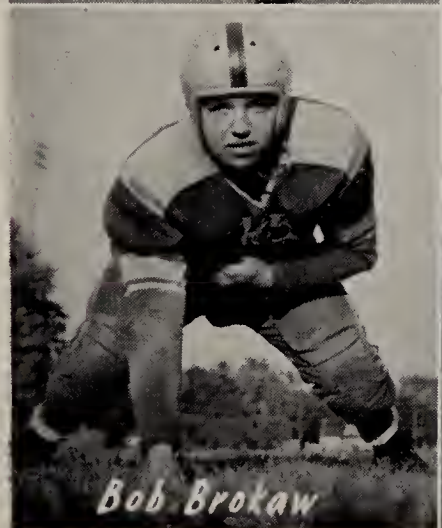
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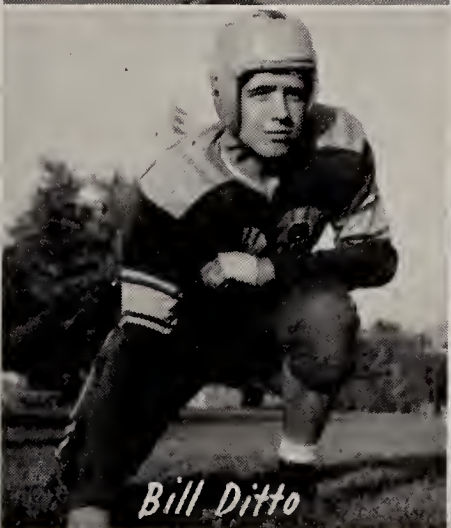
Jack Lamson



Gelle Morrison



Bob Brokaw



Bill Ditto



Bob Baker



Tony Custer



Kneeling: Don Roop, Junior Conrad, Dan Thomas, Gene Vetter, Lisle Knittle, Ferris Kohne, Joe Ditto, Bob Lobsiger, Gene Morrison, Jack Lawson, Bob Brokaw, Bob Kiser.

Standing: Jim Engle, Larry Vizard, Larry Hutker, Tony Custer, Verlin Egley, Bill Ditto, Phil Krick, Jim Rowley, Bob Baker, Roger Blackburn, Don Shaffer, Don Aurand, Art Callow, Roger Pollock.

game against the Warsaw Tigers at Warsaw. Decatur led Warsaw early in the game, but Warsaw's size and power was too much for the Jackets and so they won 35-13.

The Jackets hit the road again and went to Columbia City to play the Columbia City Eagles. Decatur, showing a lot of spirit and drive, led at one stage, 18-13; however, the Eagles' size won for them by 26-18.

Decatur played their next home game against the Hartford City Airedales. Both teams were well matched, and played on even terms; however the Airedales failed to convert on an extra point and lost the game



Student Managers

Jim Bowman
Gary Simons
Don Reinking



Kneeling: Fred McDougal, Ronnie Robinson, Erwin Myers, Stanley Allison, John Neireiter, Roger Eley, Bill Hancher, Max Hilyard, Charles Judt, Jerry Rhodes, Dave Embler, Paul Rolston, Dave Halterman, Bob Strong.
 Standing: Larry Fryback, David Simmerman, Bill Zwick, Phil Debolt, Terry Murphy, Roger Strickler, Don Moser, Don Strickler, Tom Grimm, Dan Krueckeberg, Alan Bogner, Walter Werst, Don Duff, Doyle Egley, Perry Sheets.

21-20. As the game ended Hartford City was deep in Decatur territory.

Decatur played their last game of the season against the Fort Wayne Central Tigers at home. After a scoreless first half, Central broke loose and went over for a touchdown; however the Jackets came right back and tied it up at 7-7. Later the Jackets threatened several times, but were unable to score and the game ended in a 7-7 deadlock.

With 14 lettermen returning next year, Mr. Worthman should have a team that will equal this year's record of 4 wins, 4 defeats and 2 ties, or even do better.

Freshman - Sophomore Team





Standing (Left to Right): Gene Vetter, Joe Ditto, Ferris Kohne, Kent Koons, Tony Custer, Gene Morrison.
Kneeling (Left to Right): Fred McDougal, Roger Pollock, David Halterman, Dick Duff, Jim Engle, Bob Brokaw.

Basketball

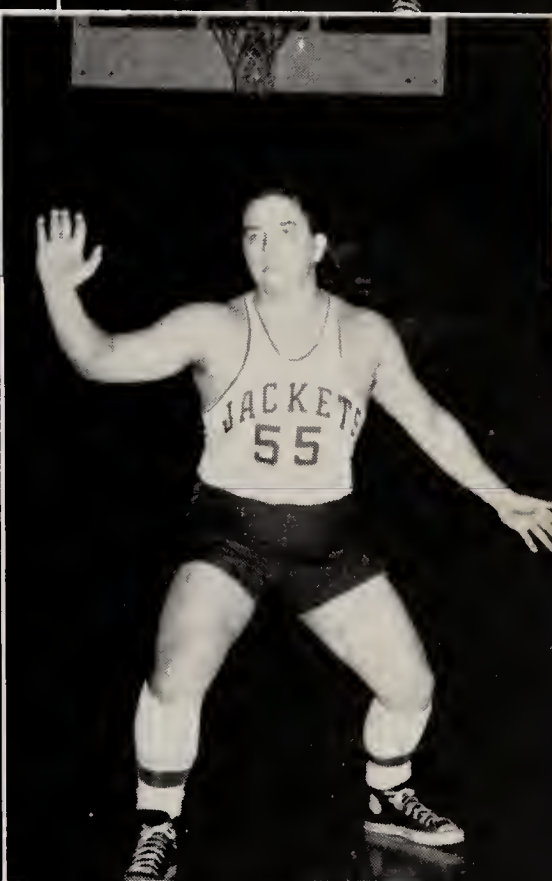
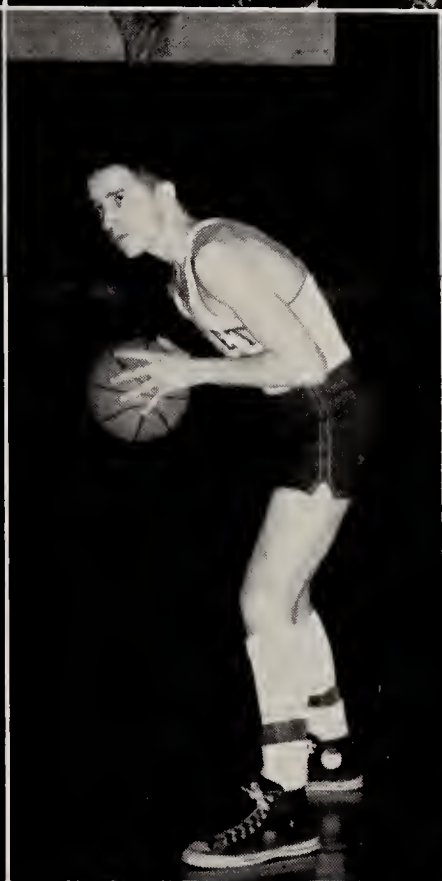
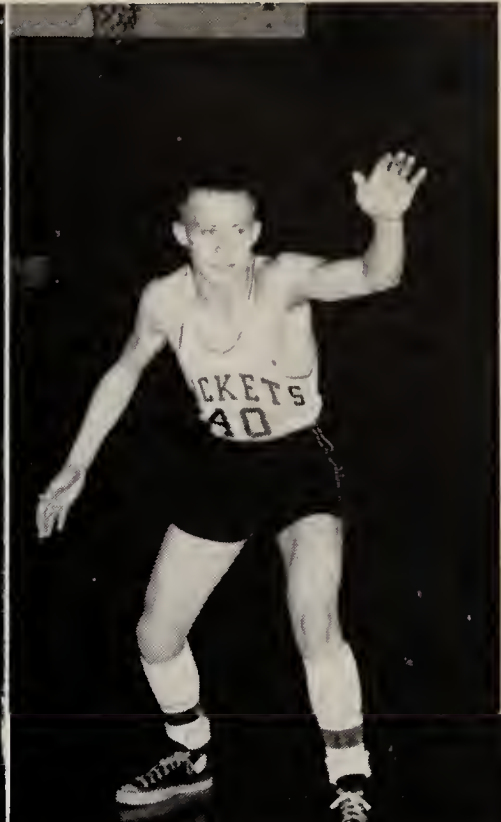


Floyd Reed
Robert Worthman
Deane T. Dorwin

The new season of "52-53" started with six veterans returning to the team. Coach Worthman and his assistant, Dean Dorwin, however, had a tough rebuilding job. The season record was above the .500 mark; however it was rather irregular with the boys having speed and drive in only some of the games. Many of the games could have gone our way with a few breaks on our side.

The Jackets started their season with a home game against the tough North Side Redskins from Fort Wayne; we dropped this

Top Row: Roger Pollock, Joe Ditto, Ferris Kohne, Dick Duff.
Middle Row: David Halterman, Ron Secaur, Tony Custer, Bob Brokaw.
Bottom Row: Gene Morrison, Gene Vetter, Kent Koons, Junie Conrad.



one, 51-39. Next the Jackets traveled to Bluffton and lost 67-66; however they showed a lot of hustle and scrap. The Jackets played Geneva in the next tilt, and, after leading by 7 points at halftime, we dropped the game 58-54. In the next game the Jackets played host to the Concordia Cadets and immediately whipped them 71-60. In the next outing the Jackets traveled to New Haven and showed a lot of drive and won by a 67-41 score. The Jackets then met the South Side Archers and lost 62-40 after having had a very bad start. In the next game the Jackets played Warsaw at home; they were tied at 67-67 after the regulation time ran out; however the Jackets took off in the overtime and won 83-75. The Jackets then met Columbia City and beat them 67-50.

Concordia defeated the Jackets in the Holiday Tourney in an over-time, 67-64; however we beat Central Catholic in the consolation game 73-62. In the next game the

Jackets were defeated 61-50 by the Central Catholic at Fort Wayne. The Jackets then traveled to Auburn where they lost by a 67-60 score. In the next game against Huntington the Jackets led by 33-20 at halftime, but then lost it 61-60 in an overtime. The next five games were victories for us. They include wins over Kendallville, 51-38; Bluffton, 58-53; Berne, 49-43; Portland, 71-68, and Winchester, 59-49.

The Jackets then hosted the Central Tigers and lost 74-60. In the last game the Jackets played Garrett and won 79-75, thus giving them the N.E.I.C. Championship with a record of 6 wins and 1 loss in Conference play. The Jackets carried a record of 11 wins and 9 losses into the Sectional. The Jackets ran into a stall game and lost to Hartford by a 49-38 score.

With only 1 starter returning Coach Worthman will have a big job of rebuilding next year's team.



Front Row: Larry Vizard, Larry Hutker, Erwin Myers, Roger Blackburn, Ronnie Vetter, Don Schafer. Second Row: Jim Rowley, Roger Eley, John Neireiter, Phil Krick, Bill Hancher, Max Hilyard.

Student Managers

Don Roop
Don Reinking
Jerry Rhodes



Cheerleaders

Second Team Cheerleaders (Left to Right): Nancy Clark, Leah Brandyberry, Mara Dee Striker, Carolyn Auman.

Varsity Cheerleaders (Left to Right): Marilyn Jaberg, Karen Striker, Carol Elzey, Shirley Fuelling.



Kneeling: Nicky Secaur, Robert McCurdy, Dick Gaskill, Paul Andrews, Cletus Corey, Harold Sommer, Dwight McCurdy.
 Standing: Robert Ochsenrider, Don Lehman, Neil Keller, Ron Murphy, Allan Cole, Ronnie Secaur, Dick Duff, Don Reinking.



Cross Country and Track Coaches

Harry Dailey
 Robert Worthman

Cross Country

The 1952 Cross-Country season is now in the record books. It proved to be a very poor season, with Decatur winning only one meet, Monmouth, and losing seven, South Side twice, Central Catho'ic, Concordia, Wabash and Warsaw.

The boys receiving their letters this year were: Ron Secaur who was captain; Cletus Corey and Don Reinking, Seniors; Paul Andrews and Dick Gaskill, Juniors; Dwight McCurdy and Bob McCurdy, Sophomores.

Track

With the opening of the 1953 Track season, 51 hopefuls answered Coach Worthman's call. Only five of the 51 were past lettermen—Kohne, Koons, Engle, Blackburn, and Krick. In contrast to other years, the team is as strong in field events as it is in running events.

The year's record thus far is:

VICTORIES

Geneva

Pleasant Mill's

DEFEATS

Central

Monmouth

Bluffton

Huntington, Columbia City (Triangular)

New Haven

The team is still looking forward to the Portland Meet, Marion Relays, N.E.I.C. Meet at Columbia City, and the Sectional which is to be at the North Side Track in Fort Wayne.

With a greater number of the team returning next year, Coach Worthman's job of rebuilding should be eased.



Student Managers

Dan Krueckeberg

Phil DeBolt

First Row: Robert Butcher, David Runyon, Max Myers, Harlen Shaffer, Art Callow, Jerry Rhodes, Ronnie Vetter, Jerry Bair, David Halterman, Dwight McCurdy, Harold Sommers, Bob Rawley.

Second Row: Bob McCurdy, Roger Eichenauer, Cletus Corey, Dan Thomas, Jack Lawson, Ron Secaur, Charles Judt, Robert Kiser, Bill Roth, Max Hilyard, Bob Ochsenrider, Doyle Egley.

Third Row: Ron Murphy, Jim Engle, Neil Keller, Roger Blackburn, Verlin Egley, Allan Cole, Ferris Kohne, Phil Krick, Roger Eley, Bill Hancher, Eugene Morrison, Erwin Myers.





Seated: Virgil Wolfe, Roger Strickler, Don Duff, Don Drake.

Standing (Front Row): Jim Bowman, Paul Rolston, Roger Pollock, Don Aurand, Paul Conrad Jr., Don Reinking, Bob Strong, Russ Plumley.

Second Row: Dick Duff, Henry Lehrman, Tony Custer, Lisle Knittle, Jim Rowley, Larry Vizard, Fred McDougal.

Baseball

With another baseball season here, our baseball team is anxiously working out in preparation for it. The weather has not been very favorable so far. The team has practiced only a few times. The team is, however, waiting and hoping for better weather.

Although the Jackets have dropped the N.E.I.C. Championship crowns the last two years, they are hoping to get back to their winning ways in the conference. The Jackets have won the N.E.I.C. Championship ten times in the last fifteen seasons.

Last year we lost only four players through graduation, ineligibility, and other reasons. With eleven returning lettermen, Coach Deane Dorwin is working hard to have one of the best teams he has ever had at Decatur. With the team showing hustle and scrap, Coach Dorwin is hoping to win the N.E.I.C. crown this year.

The following lettermen returned from last year's squad: seniors—D. Reinking, L. Knittle, P. Conrad, R. Plumley, D. Duff and H. Lehrman; Juniors—R. Pollock, D. Aurand, J. Rowley and L. Vizard; sophomore—F. McDougal.

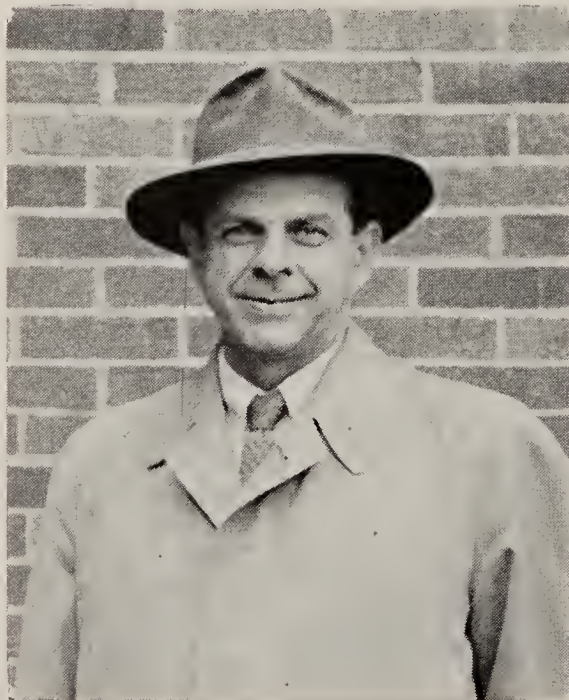
The following schedule was arranged:

April 14—Wren (there)
 April 18—Marion (double-header, there)
 April 22—Woodburn (there)
 April 28—Willshire (there)
 May 2—Anderson (there)
 May 7—Bluffton (night)
 May 11—Willshire

May 12—Berne (there)
 May 13—Bluffton (conference there)
 May 14—Van Wert (night)
 May 15—Warsaw (conference there)
 May 18—Convoy (night)
 May 19—New Haven (there)

Coach

Deane Dorwin



Junior High Basketball

Starting out strong, this year's Junior High team finished with a good record of 9 wins and 8 losses. Furnishing the nucleus of this year's team were Alger, Banks, Baxter, Kelly and Schrock. Others came along as the season progressed; these will be the nucleus of next year's team.

The year's attraction was the City Series with St. Joe, with the Junior Jackets winning the first game by a score of 46-35, and losing the second 36-37, but winning the final 37-26.

The season's record is as follows:

| | | | |
|-------------|---|---|-------------------|
| Decatur 32 | - | - | Portland 21 |
| Decatur 36 | - | | Huntington 22 |
| Decatur 34 | - | | Huntington 35 |
| Decatur 45 | - | | Pleasant Mills 35 |
| Decatur 44 | - | | Van Wert 50 |
| Decatur 46 | - | - | Berne 39 |
| Decatur 37 | - | | New Haven 50 |
| Decatur 34 | - | - | Rockford 35 |
| Decatur 46. | - | - | St. Joe 35 |
| Decatur 41 | - | - | Portland 36 |
| Decatur 49 | - | - | Hoagland 43 |
| Decatur 41 | - | - | Auburn 50 |
| Decatur 36 | - | - | St. Joe 37 |
| Decatur 42 | - | - | Bluffton 34 |
| Decatur 37 | - | - | St. Joe 26 |
| Decatur 35 | - | - | Bluffton 36 |
| Decatur 21 | - | - | Berne 29 |



Ray Lehman—Coach

Front Row: David Willard, Freddy Schott, Larry Moses, Ted Hutker, Gene Baxter, David Eichenauer, Wayne Myers.

Second Row: DeWayne Agler, Paul Schmidt, Robert Banks, Raymond Ballard, Tom Strickler, Ted Schrock, Tony Kelly.



Girls' Athletics

What in the world can be causing all those screams that seem to be coming from the vicinity of the gym? That's right; it's the girls' physical education classes.

Of all the games played by the girls, basketball headed the list according to the amount of enthusiasm displayed. The juniors claimed the honor of having the champion basketball team. They defeated the



Rebecca Walters

Juniors (First Row)

Willa Mae Goelz, Carolie Nelson, Carol Bowman, Sally Roth, Carol Seitz.

(Second Row)

Barbara Black, Janet Smith, Janet Hetrick, Marilyn Kirchenbauer.

(Third Row)

Delight Wagner, Marvene Krick.



Seniors (Front Row)

Sunya Stuckey, Pat Treon, Deloris Werling

(Back Row)

Lois Strahm, Carol Elzey, Barbara Walters, Karen Striker.



Sophomores (Left to Right)

Anita Smith, Jane Rentz, Sheila Ahr, Sara Gerber, Joyce Franklin, Greta Erekson, Jackie Reidenbach, Nancy Clark, Dana Dalzell, Barbara Bailer.



Freshmen (Front Row)

Helen Roth, Barbara Heller, Nancy Baumgartner, Mara Dee Striker, Mary Jane Smith.

(Back Row)

Shirley Wass, Ruth Townsend, Janet Courtney, Linda Pollock.



seniors by only two points in the finals—the score, 24 to 22. Volley ball came next in line. In the girls' estimation this game was almost as exciting as basketball. The most popular spring sport was softball. During the warm weather, the girls trudged out to Worthman Field or the Lincoln playground to participate in this game. Then there were calisthenics. After a few exercises, many were so stiff it was all they could do to climb the steps the next day!

Thus the 1952-53 classes of girls' athletics came to a close under the able instruction of Miss Walters.

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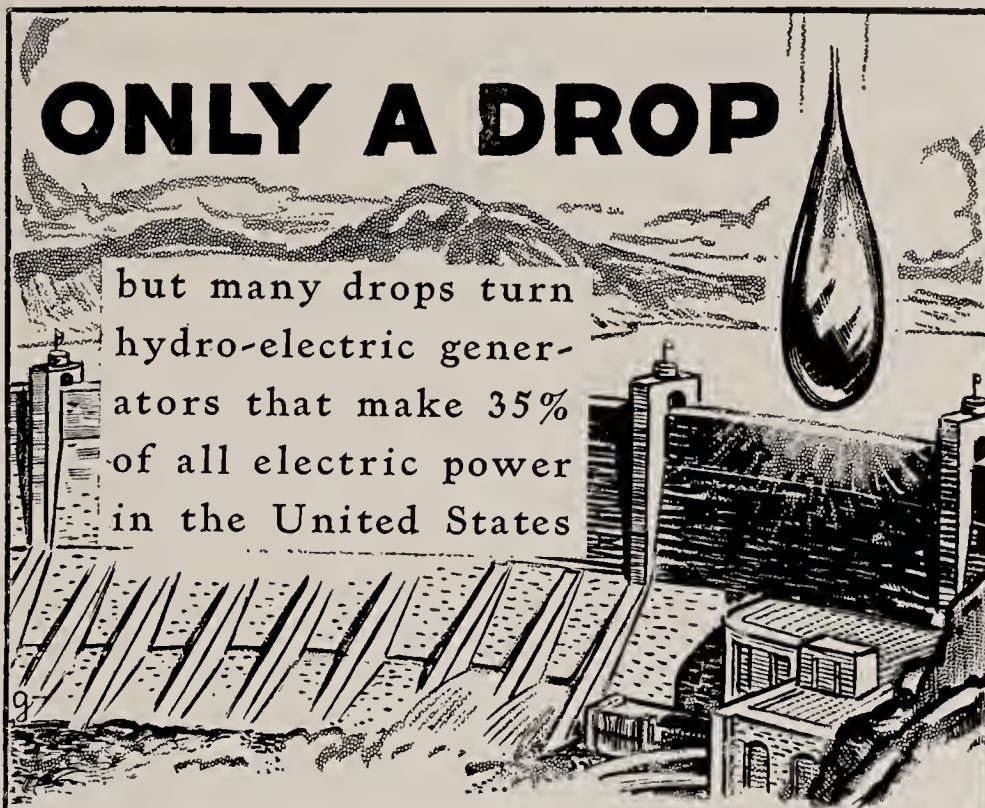
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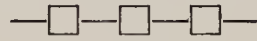
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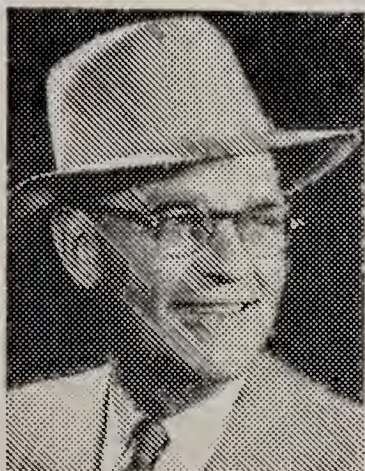
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